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About this record

This file contains correspondence between British officials regarding the desire of the Ruler of Kuwait, Shaikh Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, to purchase a three-pounder saluting gun [cannon] to affix to his recently-built motor dhow in 1932 (folios 2-41). Subsequently, the correspondence in the file discusses a request made by Shaikh Ahmad in 1948 to purchase another saluting cannon of the same type, a thousand rifles (with a million rounds of ammunition) and two hundred pistols (folios 42-95).

The correspondence is primarily between the Political Agency in Kuwait and the Political Residency in Bushire, but the file also contains a limited amount of correspondence with Shaikh Ahmad (in Arabic accompanied by English translations).

On folio 8, the file contains a simple, hand-drawn diagram of the base of a three-pounder saluting gun.



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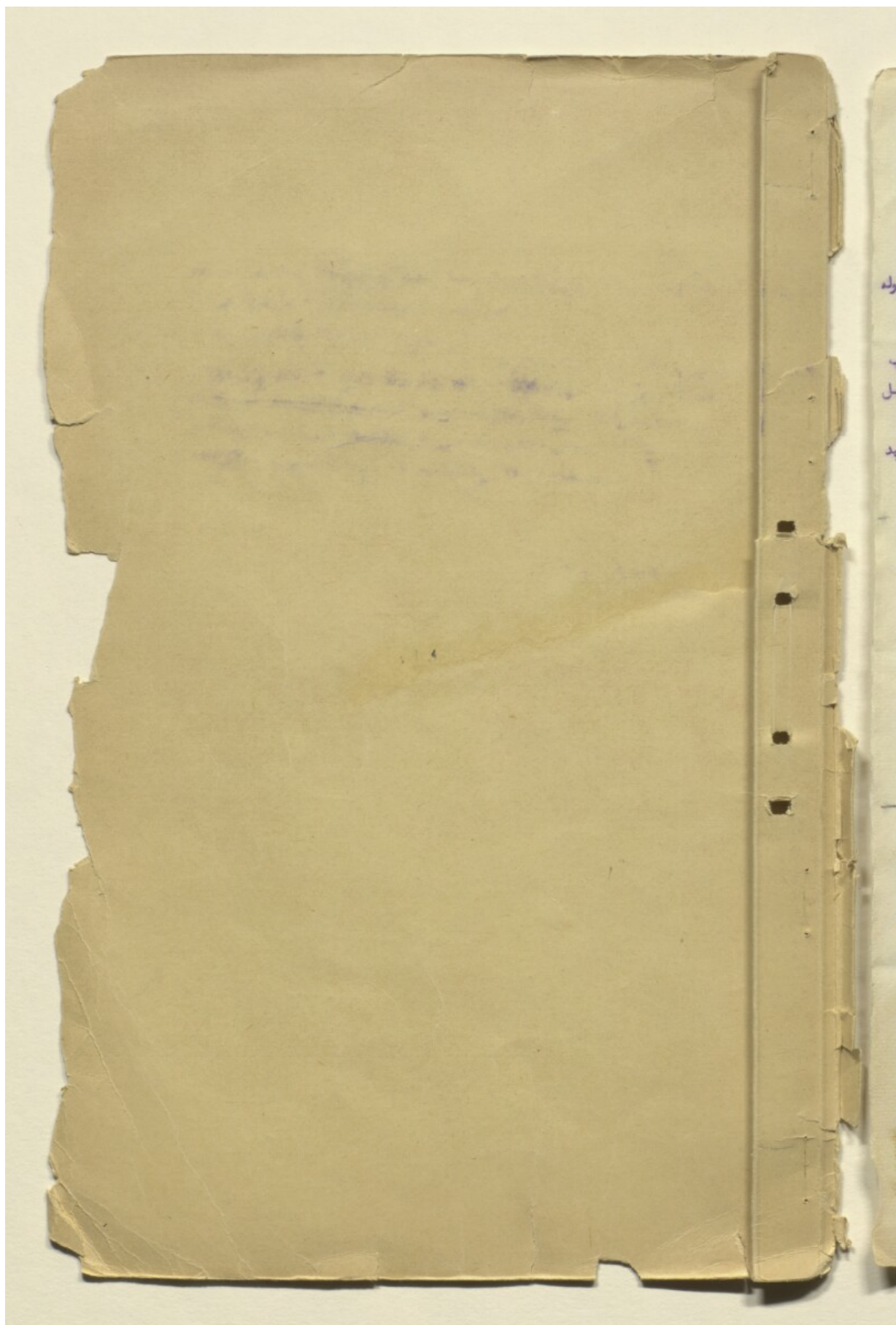
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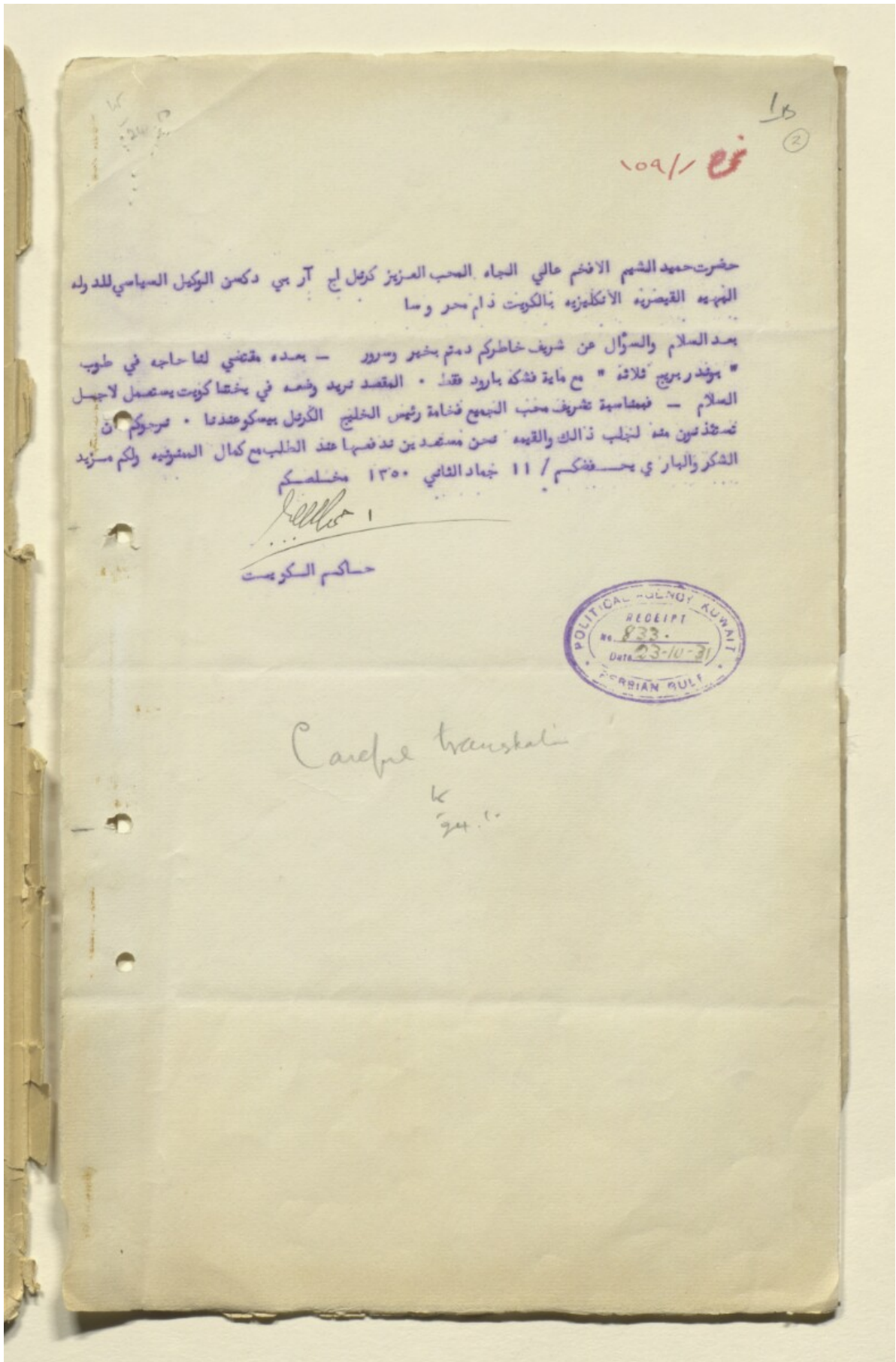
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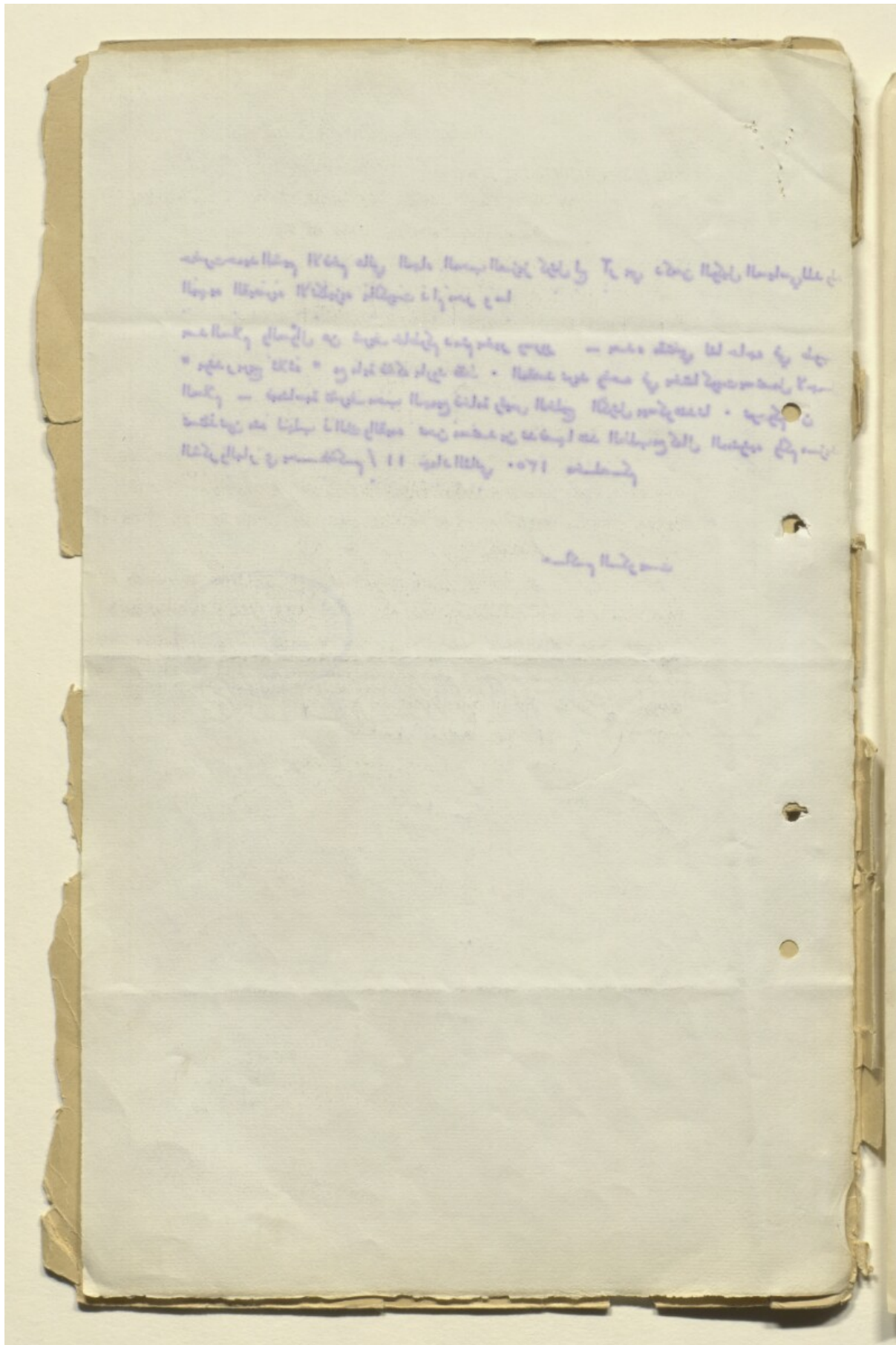
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"Salutes for the Shaikh
of Kuwait"

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See file 1/6

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Translation of a letter.

From - His Excellency Shaikh Sir Ahmad al Jabir as Subah,
K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Ruler of Kuwait.

To - The Political Agent, Kuwait.

No.R/159

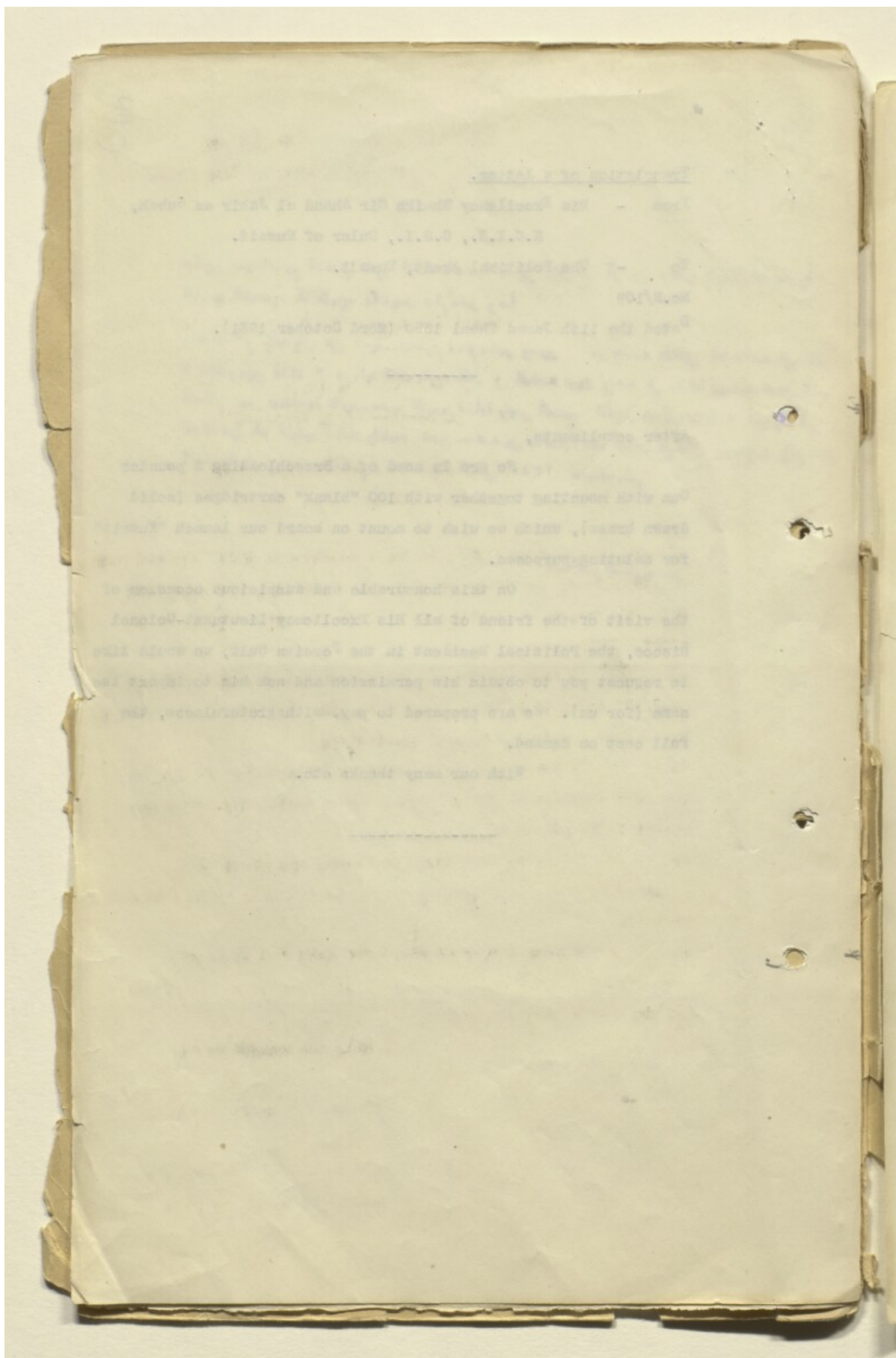
Dated the 11th Jamad Thani 1350 (23rd October 1931).

After compliments,

We are in need of a Breechloading 3 pounder Gun with mounting together with 100 "blank" cartridges (solid drawn brass), which we wish to mount on board our launch "Kuwait" for saluting purposes.

On this honourable and auspicious occasion of the visit of the friend of all His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel Biscoe, the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, we would like to request you to obtain his permission and ask him to import the same (for us). We are prepared to pay, with gratefulness, the full cost on demand.

With our many thanks etc.





No. 845

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 28th October 1931.

From

Lieutenant-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.

To

The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

Saluting Gun for His Excellency the Shaikh
of Kuwait.

Sir,

With reference to the conversation which you had with
His Excellency the Ruler regarding a 3 pounder, breechloading
Saluting Gun, with mounting as used in the Royal Navy, for his
yacht "KUWAIT".

pl I have the honour to forward translation of a letter
No.R/159 dated 11th Jumaad Thani 1350 (23rd October 1931) which I
have today received from His Excellency.

2. I trust you may be able to arrange for the gun in
question together with one hundred blank cartridges to be sent
direct to Kuwait at an early date.

3. Brass solid drawn cartridges, are particularly
required in order that they can be re-loaded locally as occasion
demands.

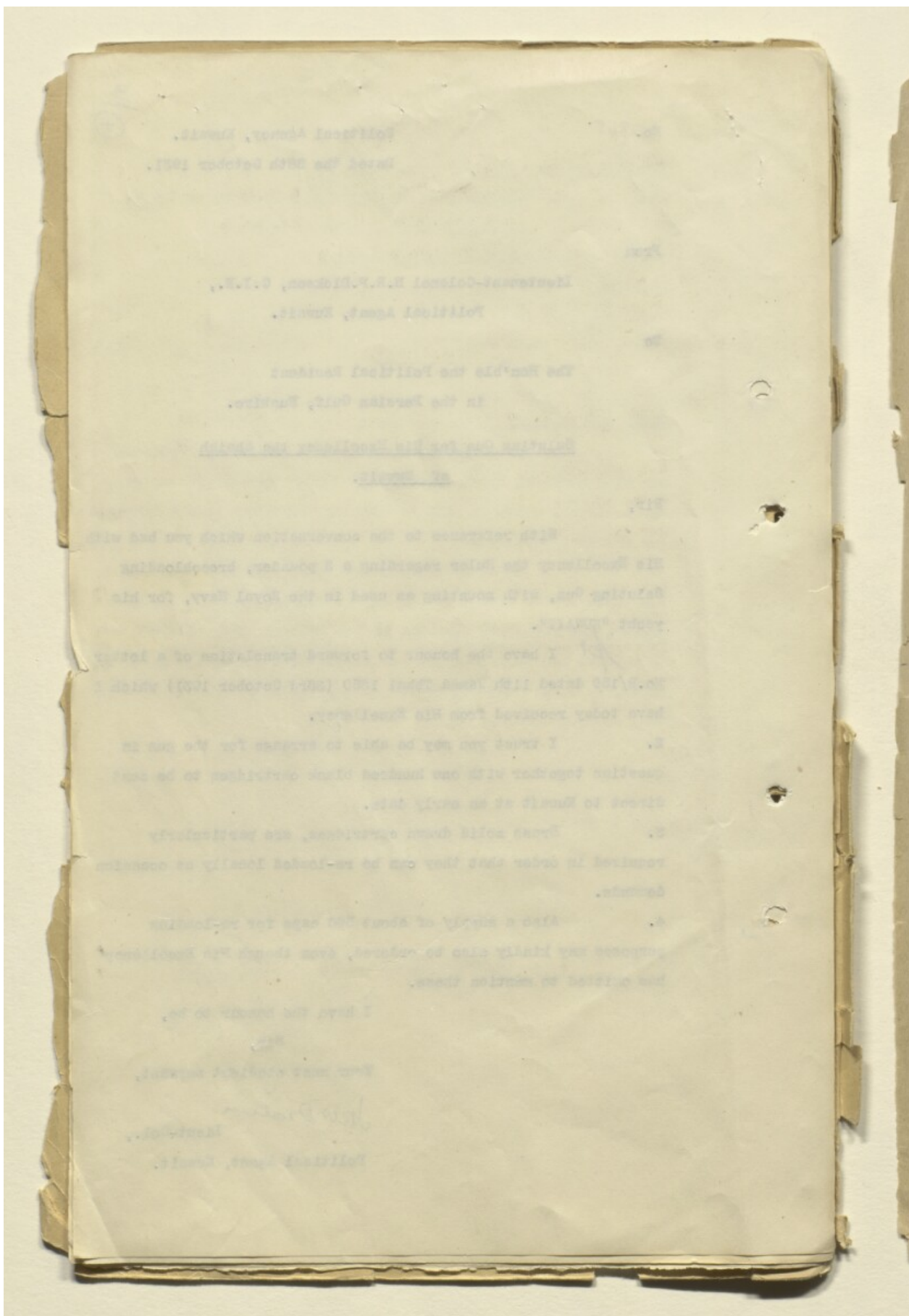
4. Also a supply of about 500 caps for re-loading
purposes may kindly also be ordered, even though His Excellency
has omitted to mention these.

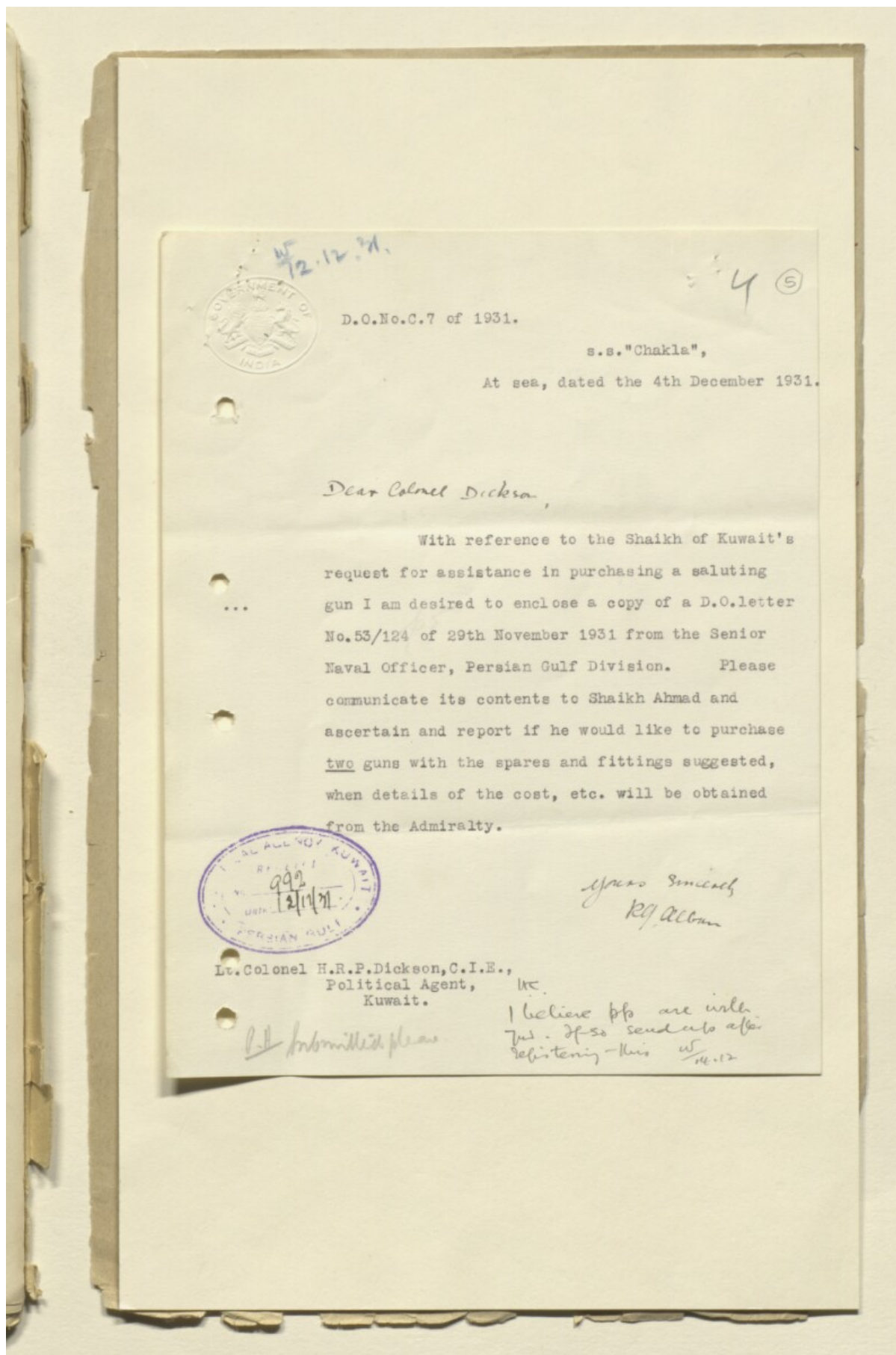
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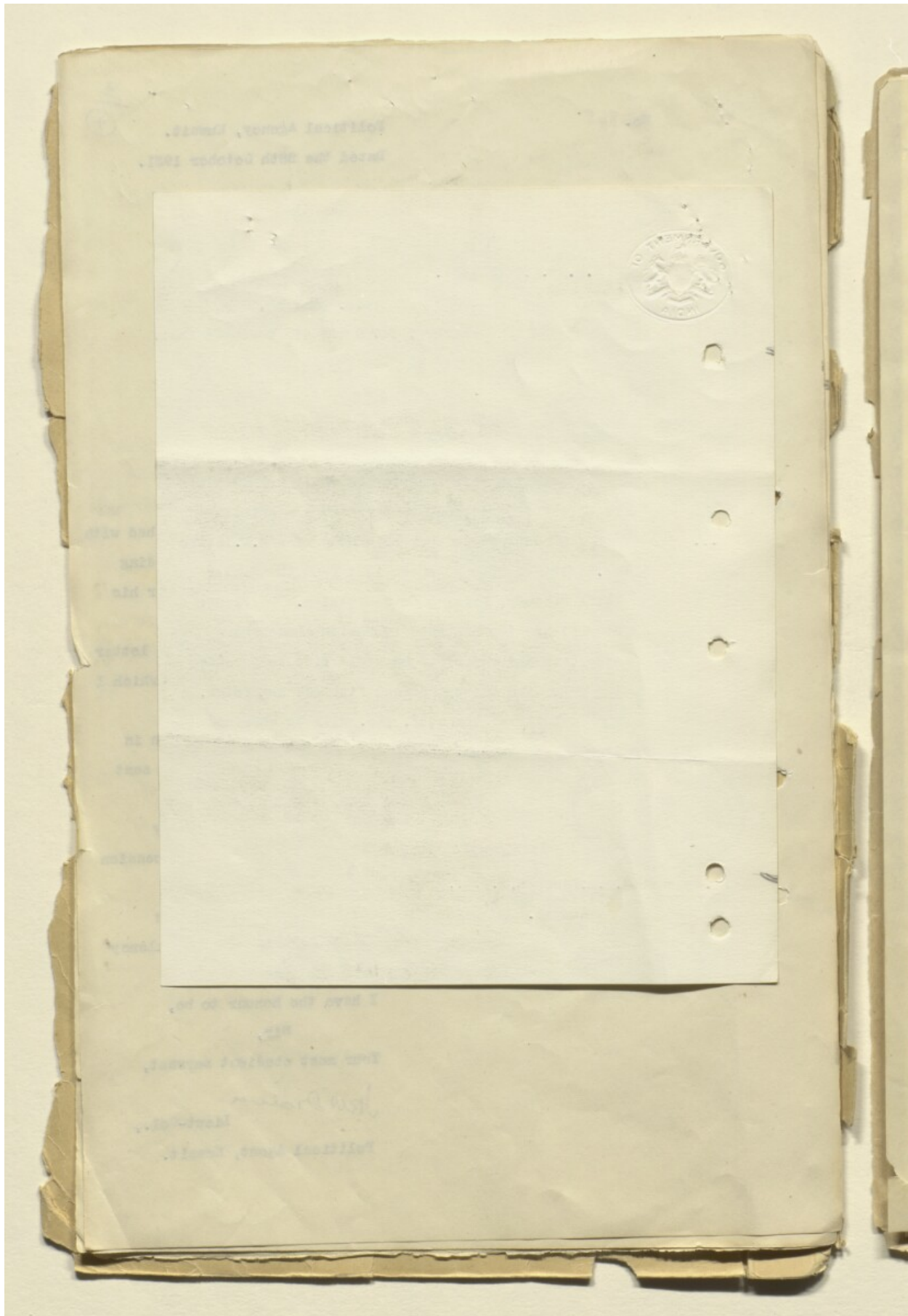
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H.R.P. Dickson
Lieut-Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.









D.O. No. 53/124.

H.M.S. "TRIAD" at Henjam,
29th November, 1931.

Dear Resident

SALUTING GUN FOR SHEIKH OF KUWAIT.

With reference to your letter D.O. No. 2323 of 12/14th November, I think it would be more satisfactory for the Sheikh to provide himself with two guns for firing salutes. Loading intervals and missfires have to be reckoned with. In the Navy, the correct interval between guns is 5 seconds.

2. A sketch of a suitable shore mounting is attached.

3. A certain number of spares and fittings are necessary if the guns and charges are to be kept in a safe and efficient condition. A list of these fittings is given below, presumably they would increase the cost of the gun, but it would be necessary to obtain the details of cost etc., from the Admiralty.

'A' ARTICLES REQUIRED FOR SALUTING CHARGES.

Brass cases, for containing charge.
(A first fitting of 25 is suggested
in order that method of preparing is
understood by the Master Gunner of Kuwait).

Charges complete.

Bags empty.
(If own powder is being used in subsequent
charges).

Primers, (for firing charge).

Cases powder, metal lined.

3 pdr. cases powder, and keys for.

Two Drivers screw, for inserting primers.

'B' SPARES REQUIRED FOR GUNS.

Brushes sponge, and rod for.

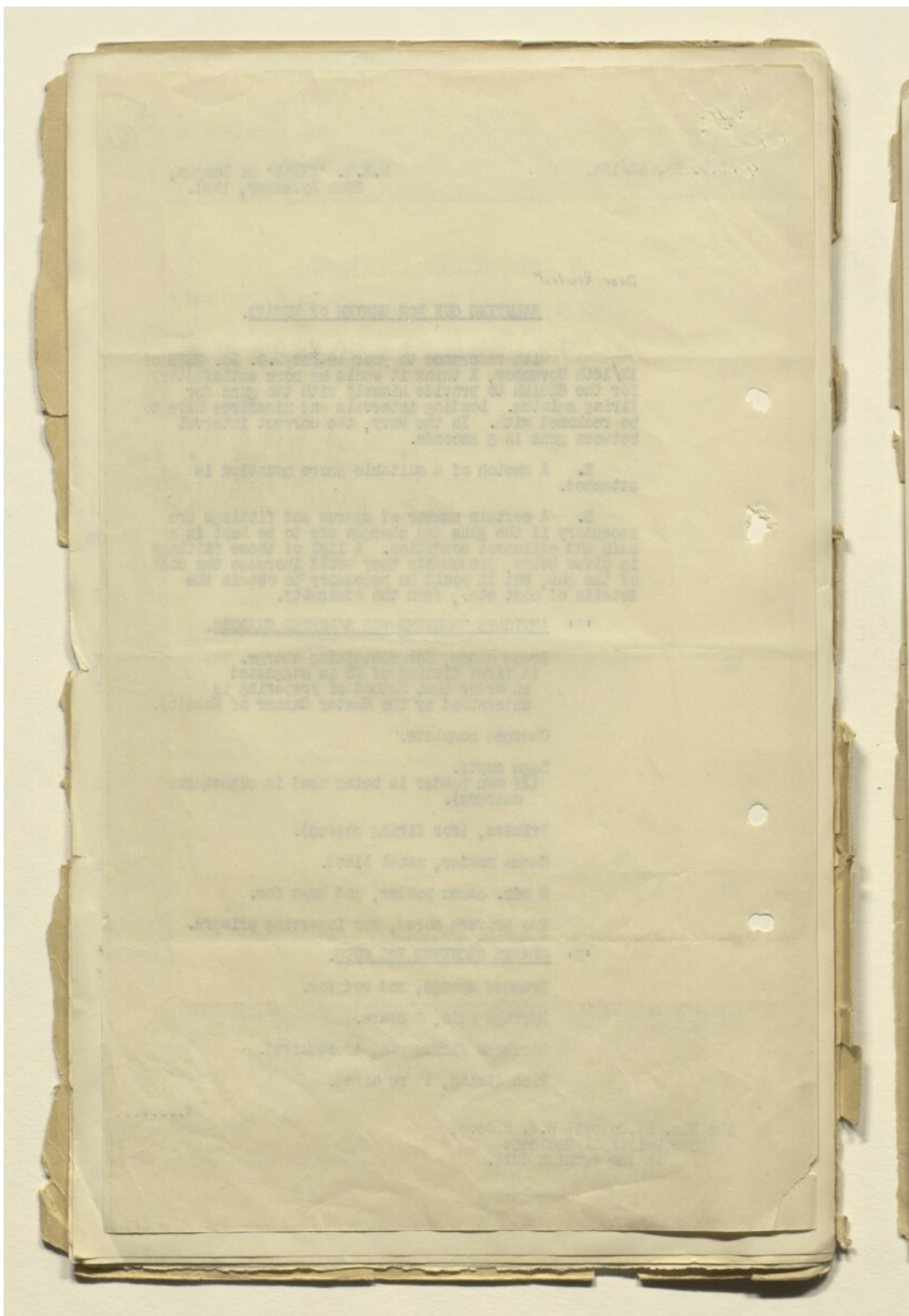
Springs main, 2 spare.

Strikers firing pin, 12 required.

Pins firing, 12 required.

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The Hon. Lt.Colonel H.V. Biscoe,
The Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.





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4. MISSFIRE DRILL AND REMARKS.

A tub of water should always be kept handy to the guns in case of missfires.

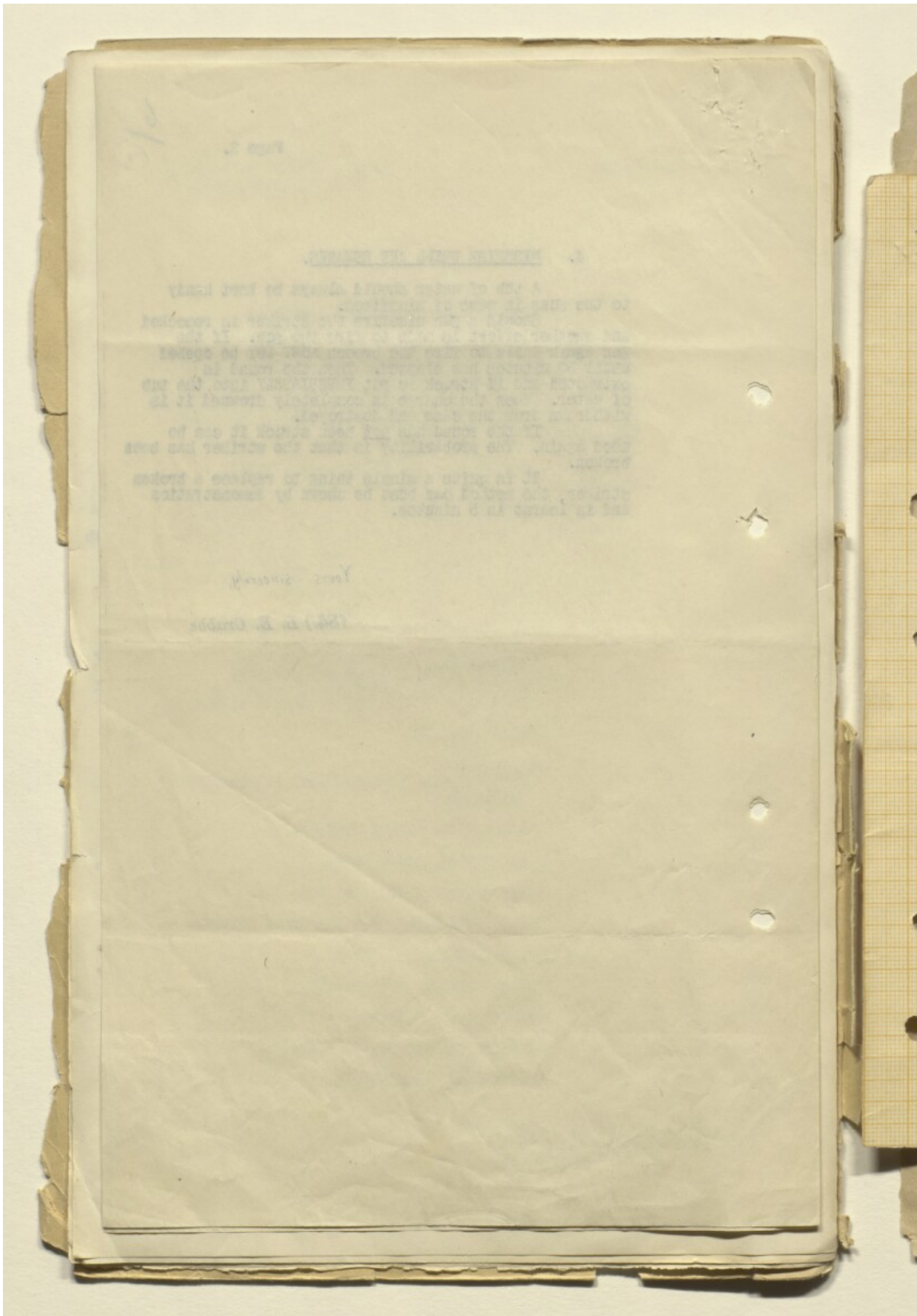
Should a gun missfire the striker is recoiled and another effort is made to fire the gun. If the gun again fails to fire the breech MUST NOT be opened until 30 minutes has elapsed. Then the round is extracted and if struck is put IMMEDIATELY into the tub of water. When the charge is completely drowned it is withdrawn from the case and destroyed.

If the round has not been struck it can be used again. The probability is that the striker has been broken.

It is quite a simple thing to replace a broken striker, the method can best be shown by demonstration and is learnt in 5 minutes.

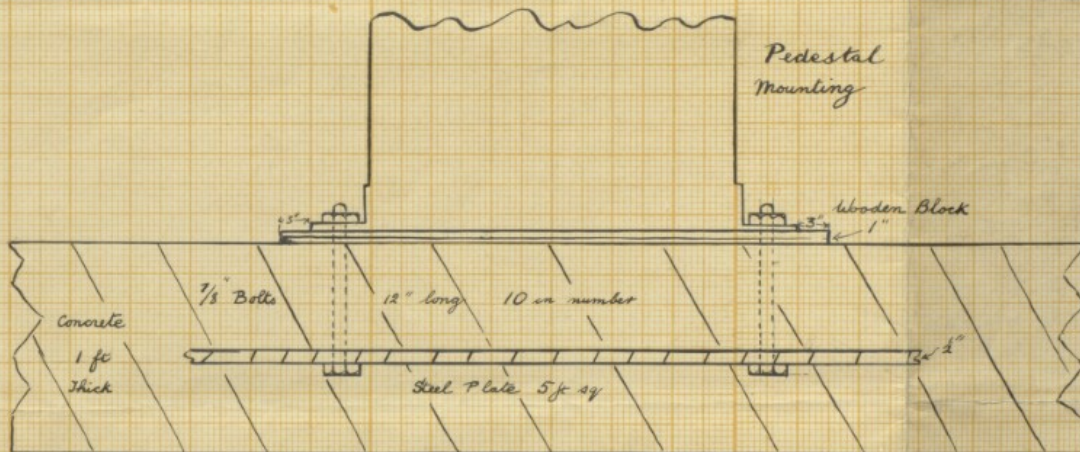
Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) L. E. Crabbe





Base for Shore Mounting of 7
3 Pounder Saluting
Gun



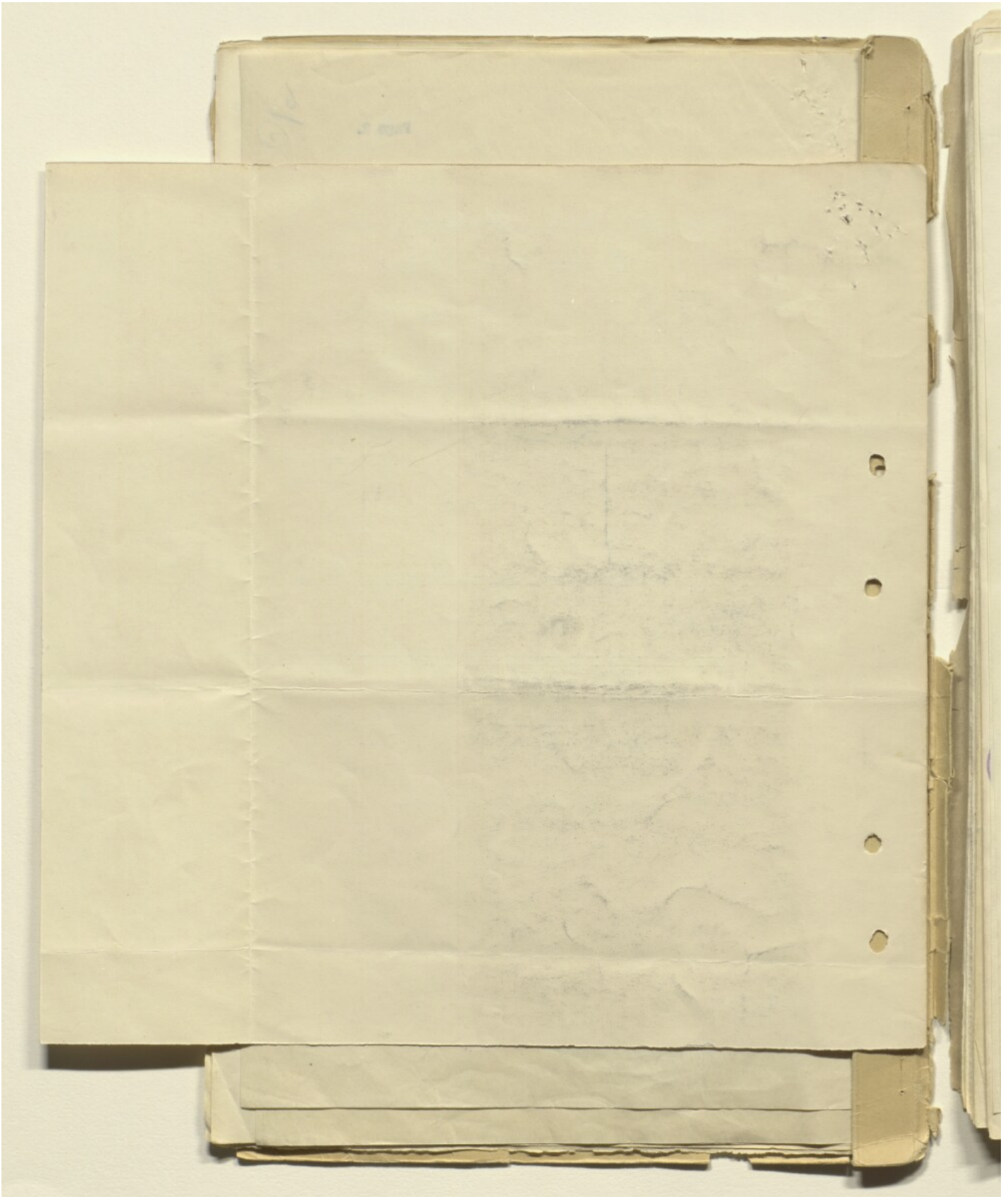
Concrete extends 1 ft beyond plate, at least

Bolts have check nuts on facing side of pedestal

Base of Base under 2\"/>

Not to Scale.

Sol
20.11.31





D.O.No. 1023

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 29th December 1931.

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Will you please refer to your D.O.No.C.7 dated 4th December 1931, enclosing a D.O. from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division to Colonel Biscoe regarding the Shaikh's Saluting Gun.

2. I have discussed the matter with the Shaikh, and he asks me to say that he only wants one saluting gun, and that for his small motor dhow "Kuwait". His idea is to mount it in the bows, to give a smart appearance to his yacht, and to enable him to give the signal to his various Pearling fleets, when he goes out at the end of the season and recalls them to Kuwait.

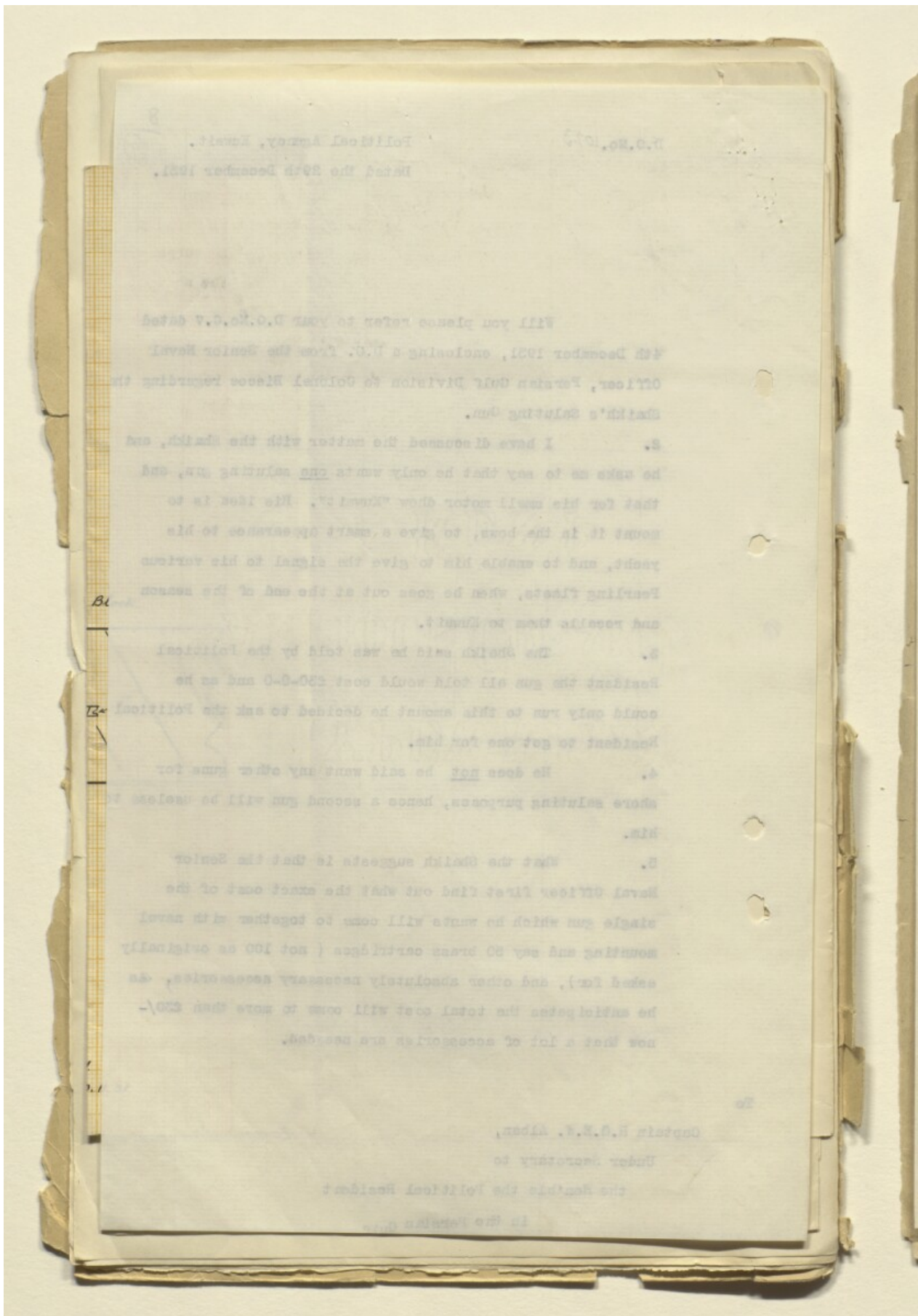
3. The Shaikh said he was told by the Political Resident the gun all told would cost £30-0-0 and as he could only run to this amount he decided to ask the Political Resident to get one for him.

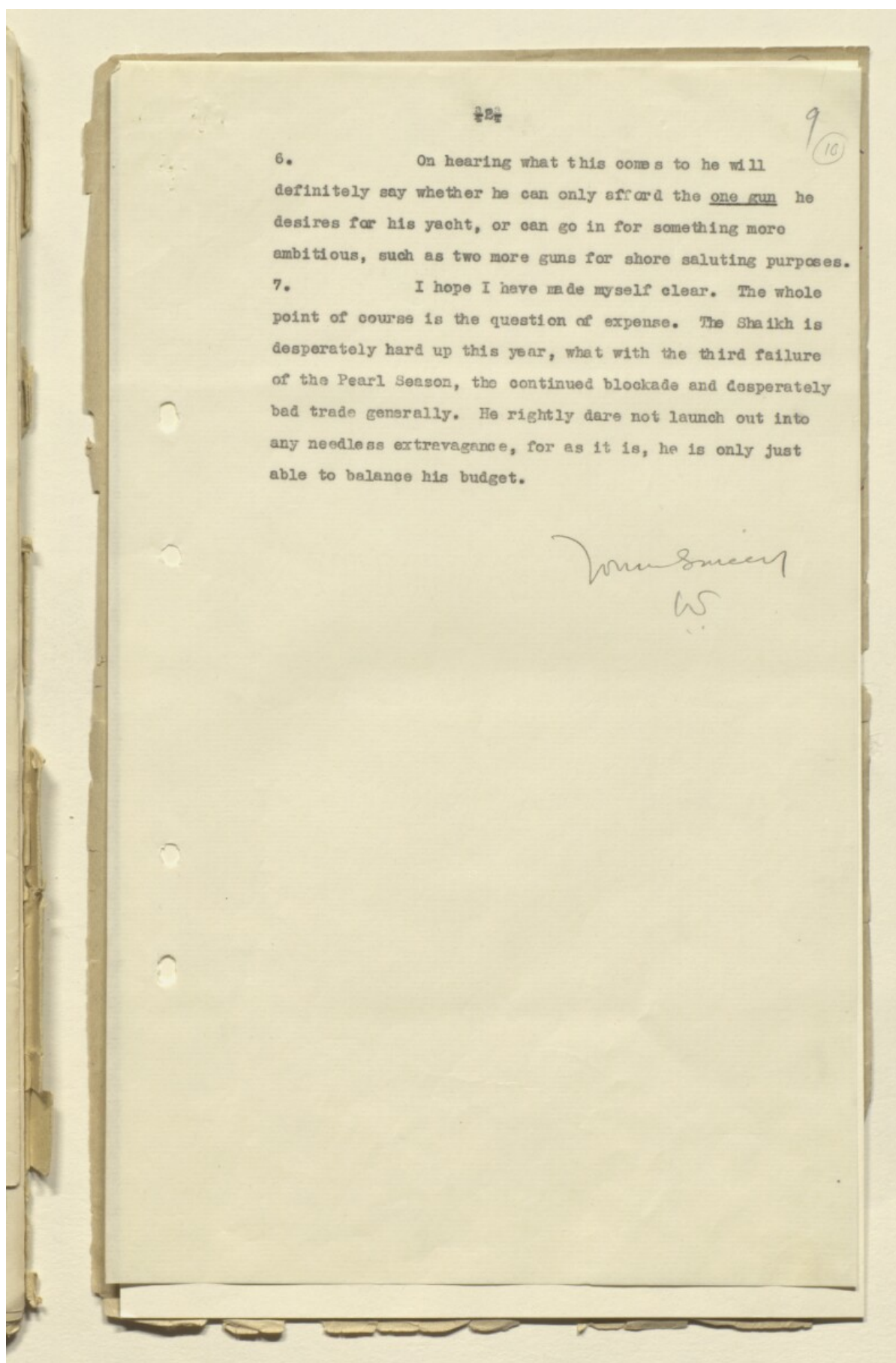
4. He does not he said want any other guns for shore saluting purposes, hence a second gun will be useless to him.

5. What the Shaikh suggests is that the Senior Naval Officer first find out what the exact cost of the single gun which he wants will come to together with naval mounting and say 50 brass cartridges (not 100 as originally asked for), and other absolutely necessary accessories, as he anticipates the total cost will come to more than £30/- now that a lot of accessories are needed.

To

Captain R.G.E.W. Alban,
Under Secretary to
the Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf

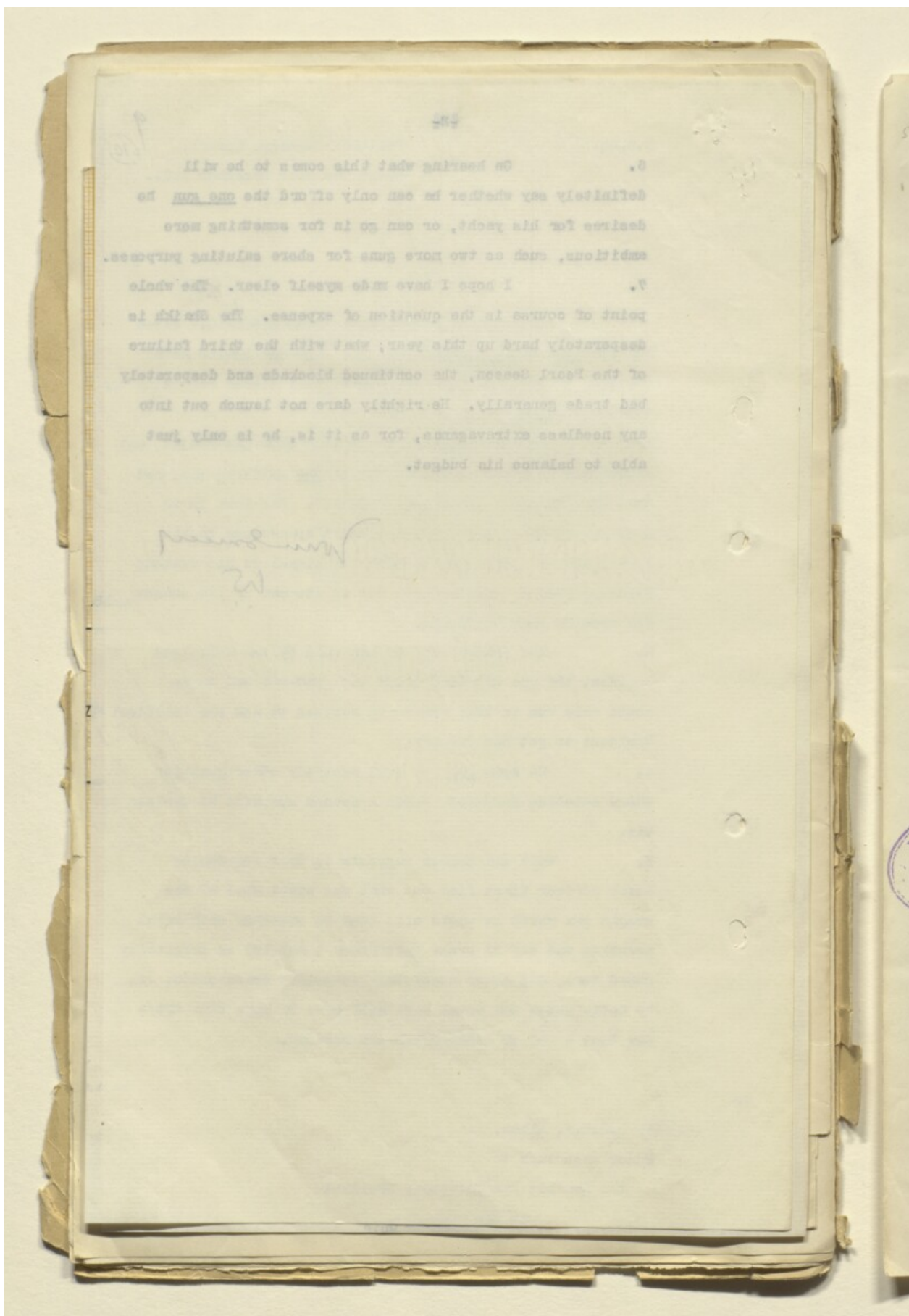


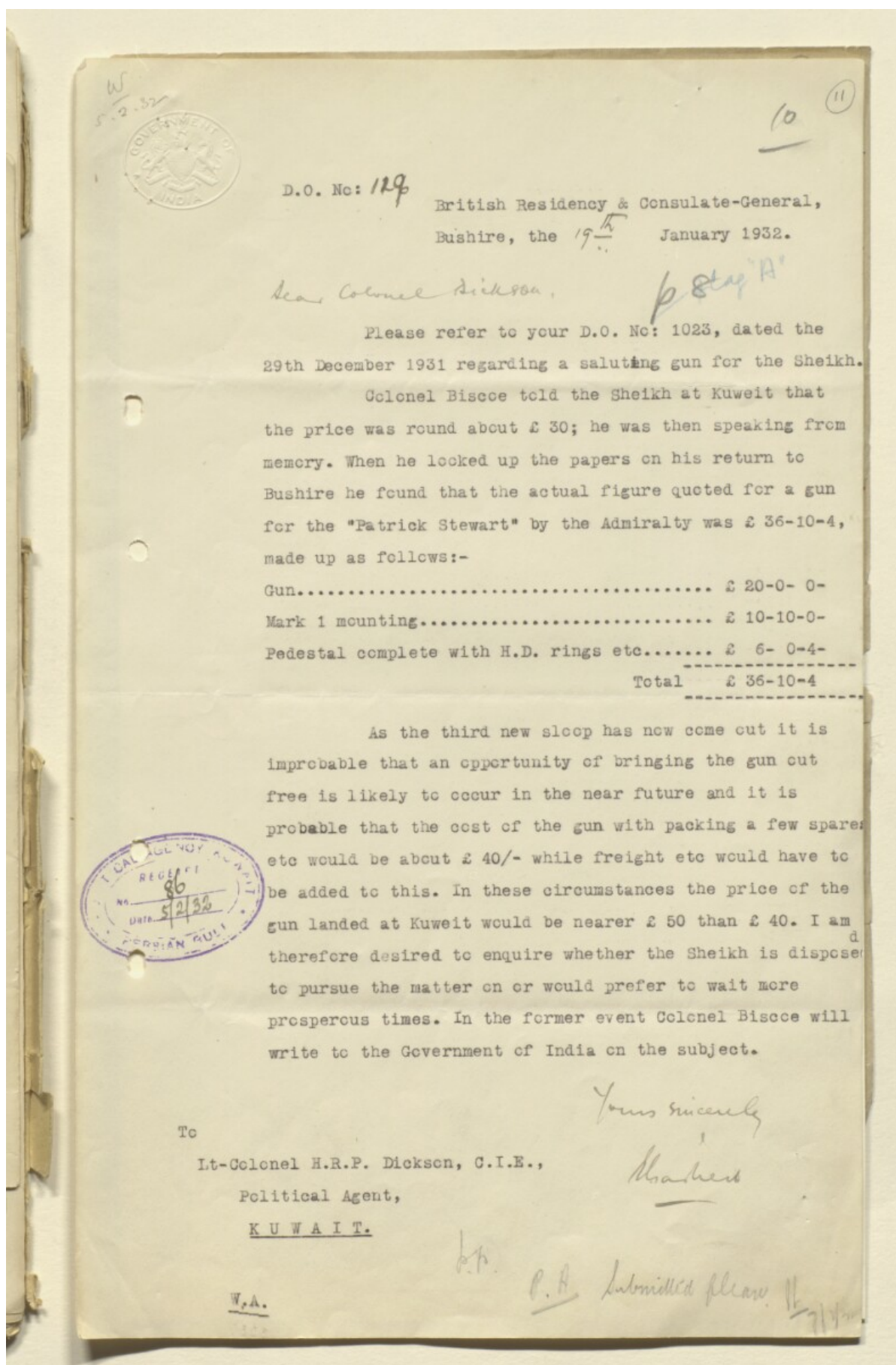


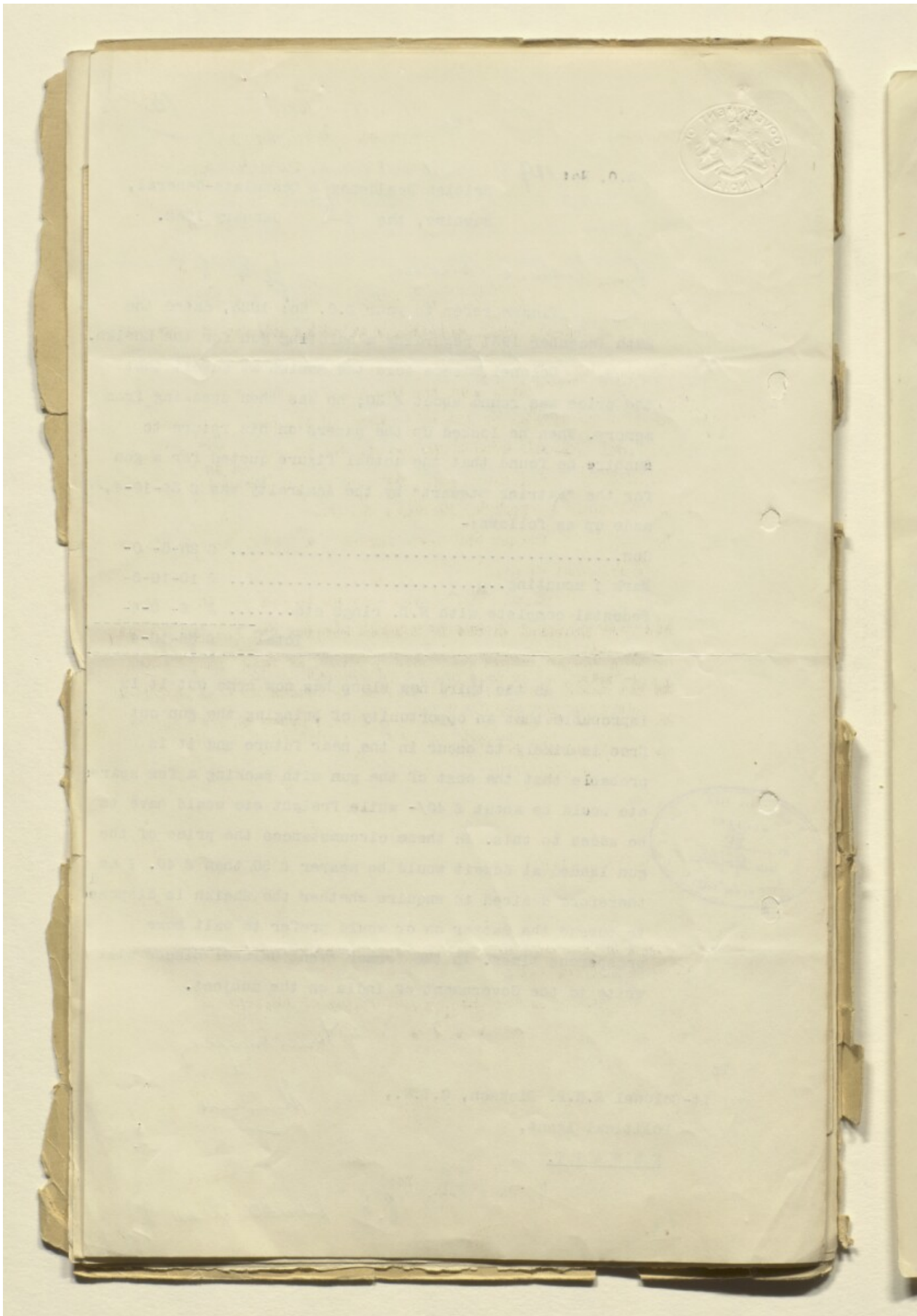
6. On hearing what this comes to he will definitely say whether he can only afford the one gun he desires for his yacht, or can go in for something more ambitious, such as two more guns for shore saluting purposes.

7. I hope I have made myself clear. The whole point of course is the question of expense. The Shaikh is desperately hard up this year, what with the third failure of the Pearl Season, the continued blockade and desperately bad trade generally. He rightly dare not launch out into any needless extravagance, for as it is, he is only just able to balance his budget.

Wm. Smeeth
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D.O.NO. 94

11/12
Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 12th February 1932.
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Will you please refer to your D.O.No.119 dated the 19th January 1932 regarding a saluting gun for the Shaikh's Yacht "Kuwait".

2. I have seen the Shaikh about the matter, and he says he is willing to run to £50-0-0 if the gun, mountings, pedestal together with a few spares and 50 rounds of saluting cartridges (solid drawn brass as used in the Royal Navy) can be delivered in Kuwait, for this figure.

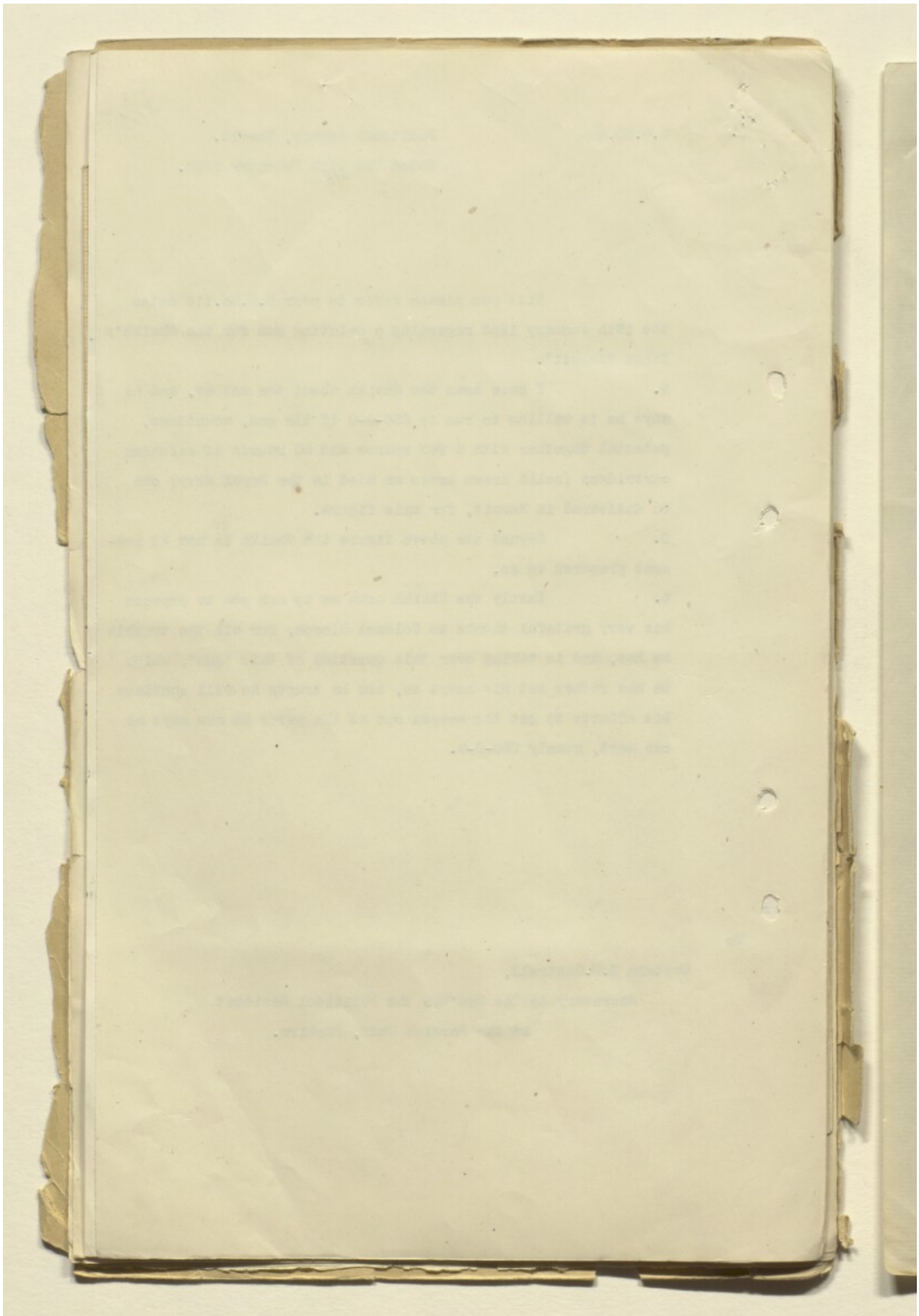
3. Beyond the above figure the Shaikh is not at present prepared to go.

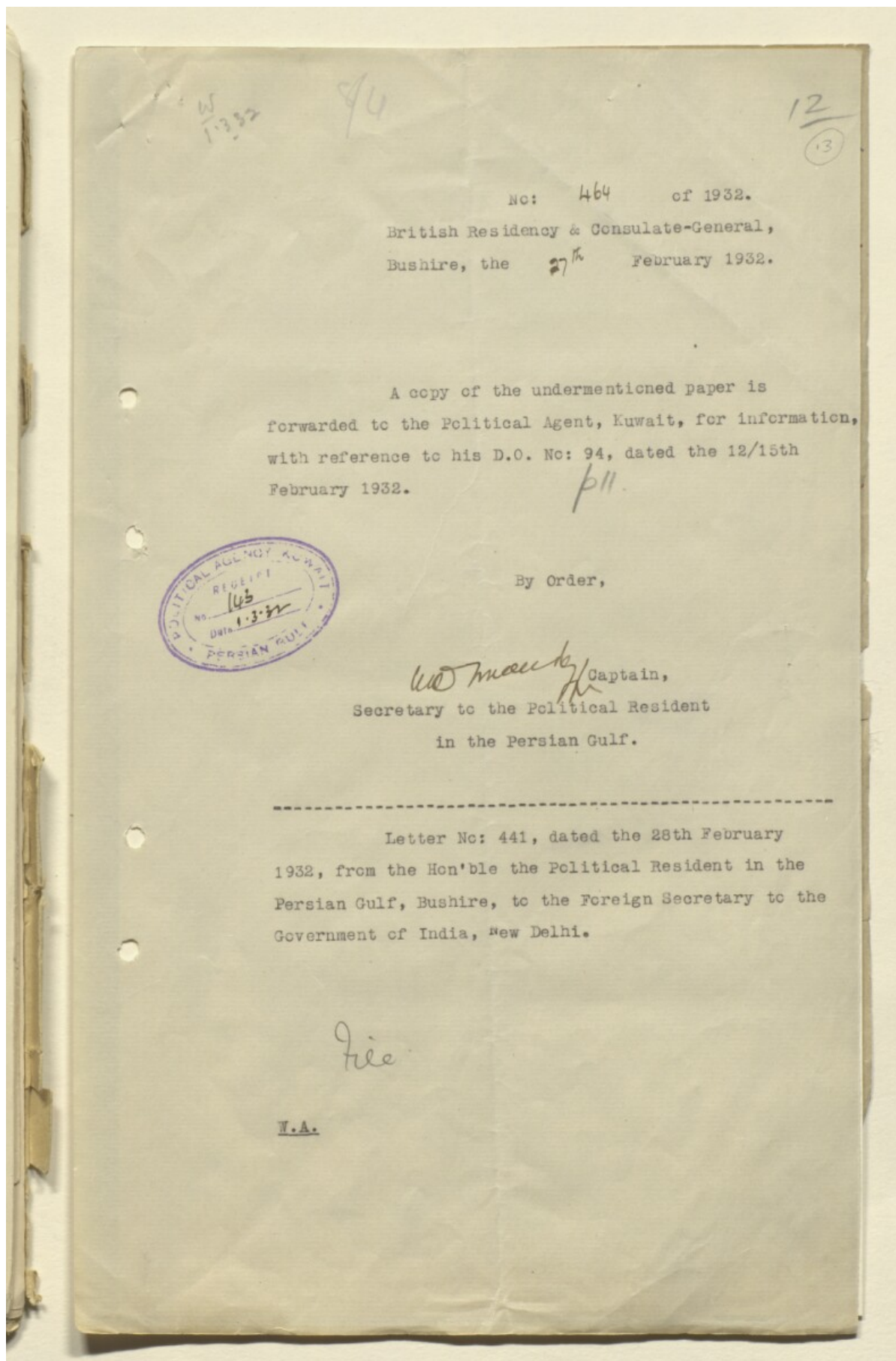
4. Lastly the Shaikh asks me to ask you to express his very grateful thanks to Colonel Biscoe, for all the trouble he has, and is taking over this question of this "gun", which he has rather set his heart on, and he trusts he will continue his efforts to get the weapon out at the price he now says he can meet, namely £50-0-0.

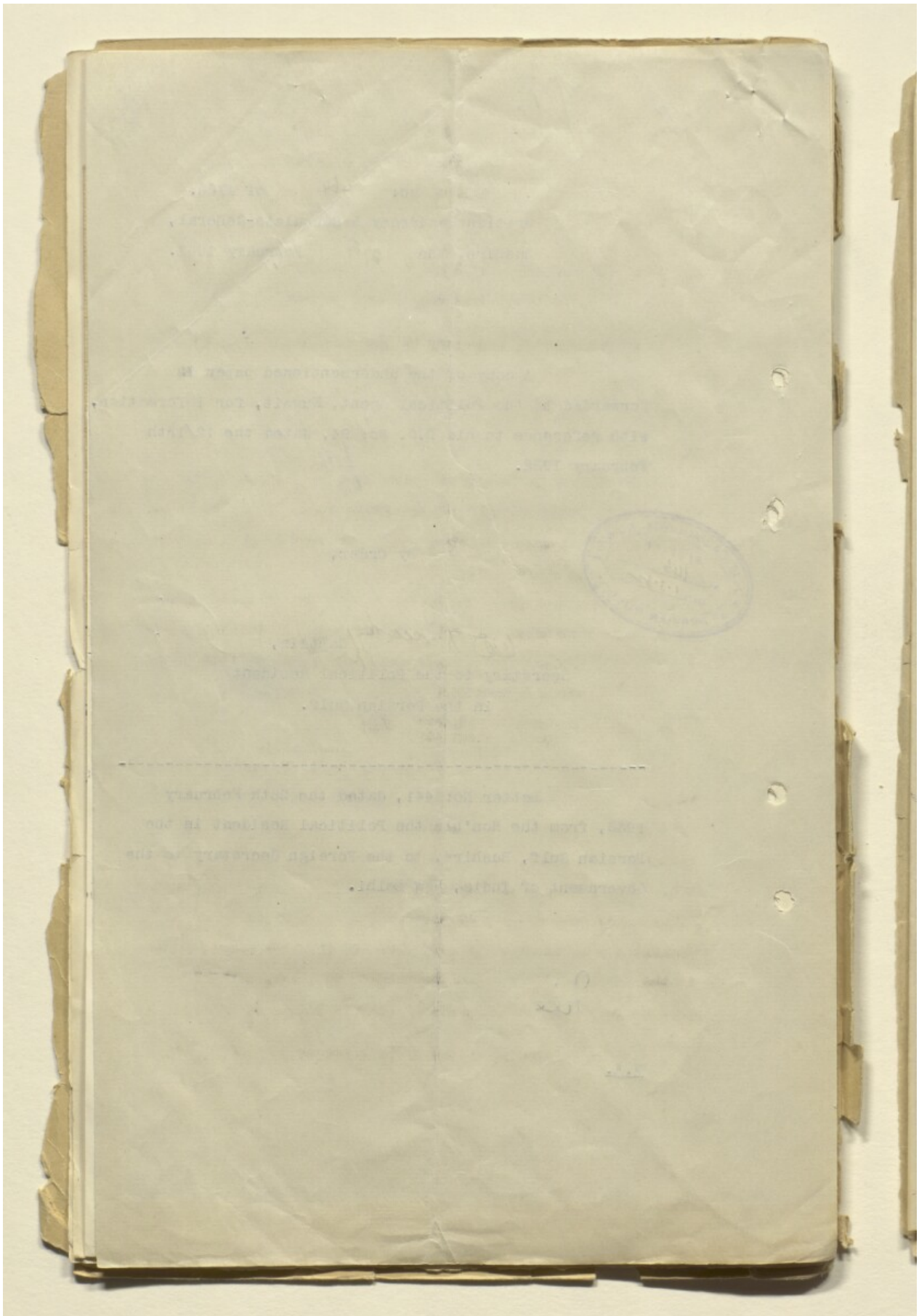
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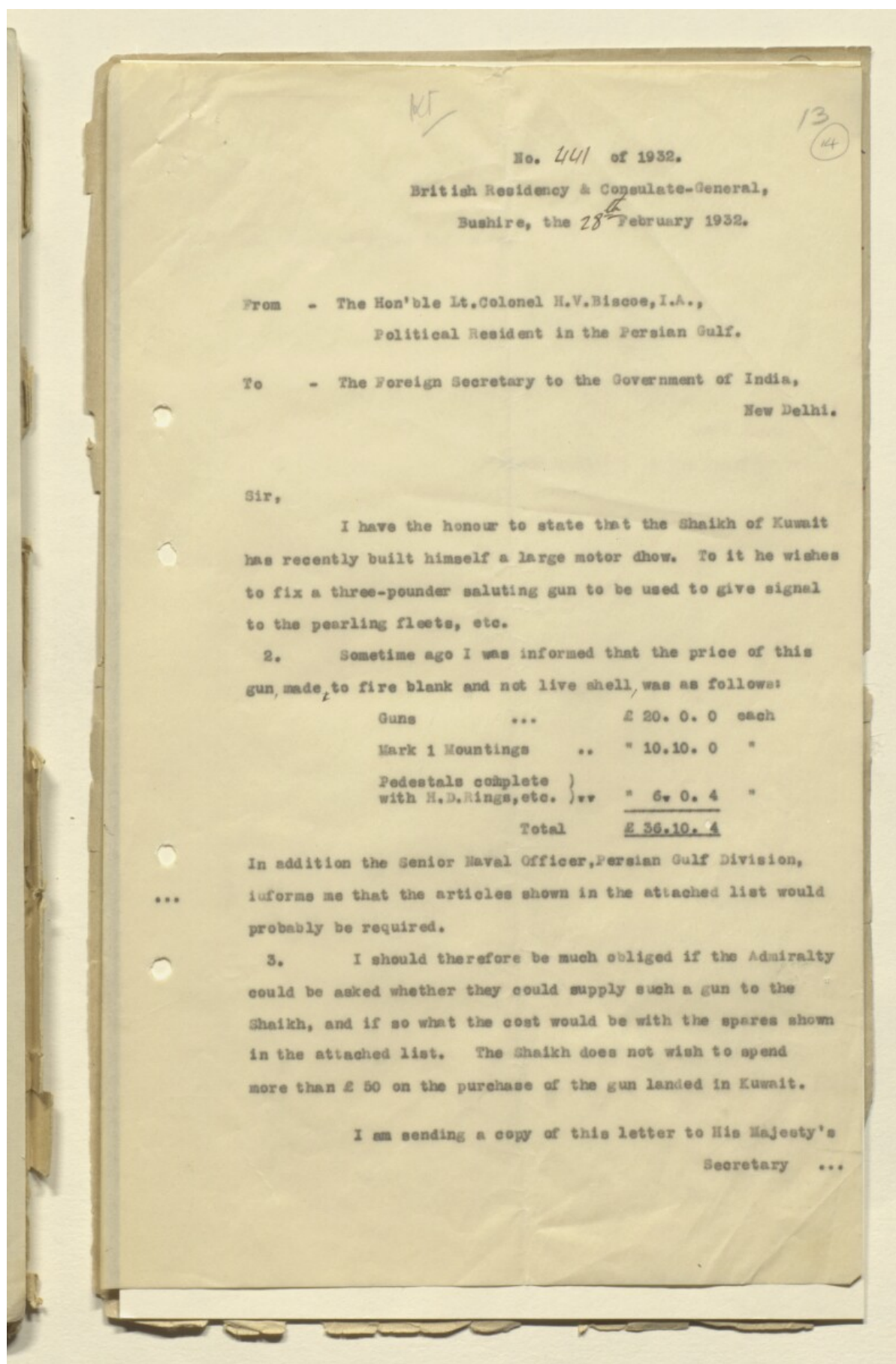
To

Captain E.H.Castrell,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.









No. 441 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 28th February 1932.

From - The Hon'ble Lt.Colonel H.V.Biscoe, I.A.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To - The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Shaikh of Kuwait has recently built himself a large motor dhow. To it he wishes to fix a three-pounder saluting gun to be used to give signal to the pearling fleets, etc.

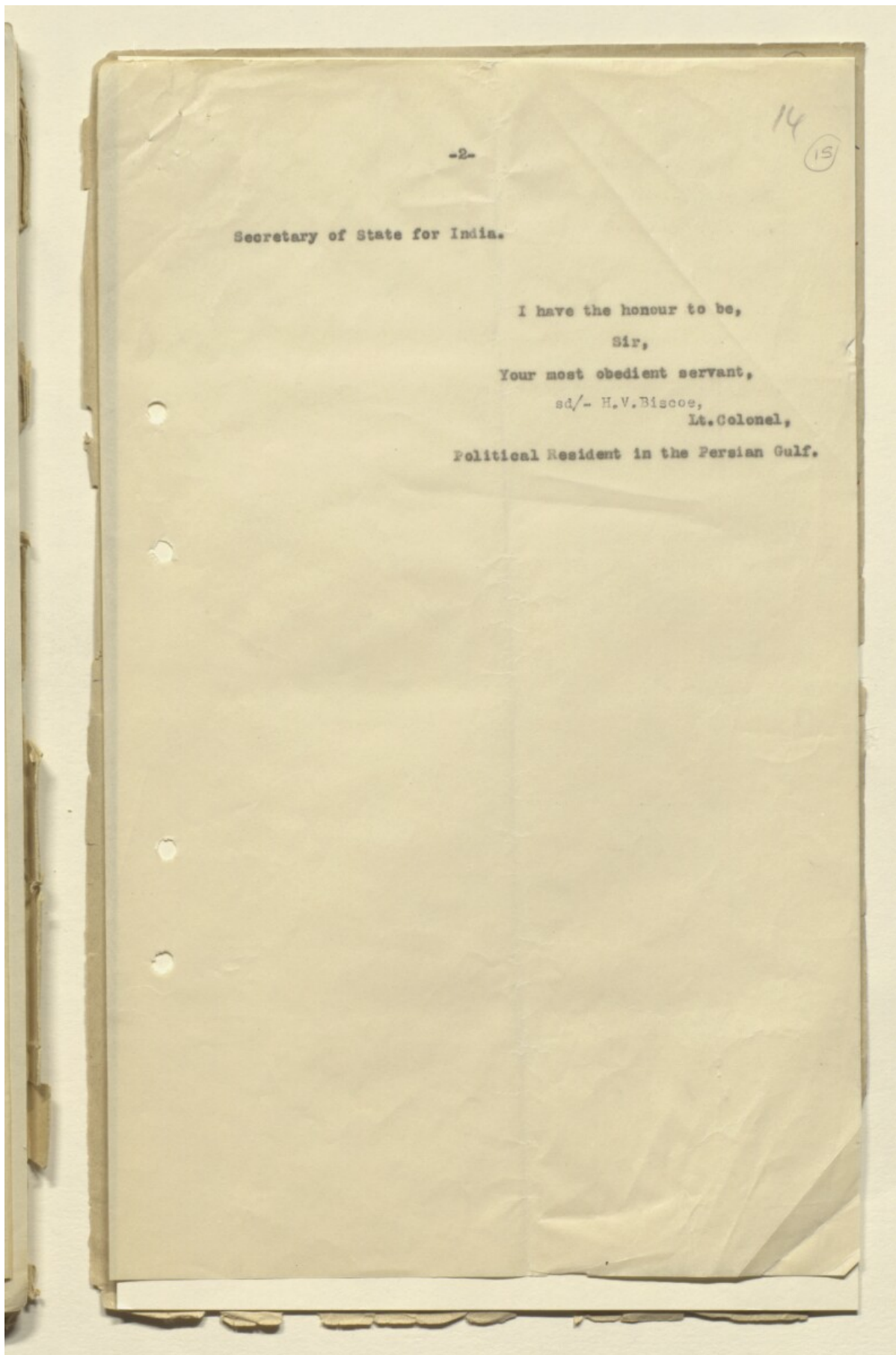
2. Sometime ago I was informed that the price of this gun, made to fire blank and not live shell, was as follows:

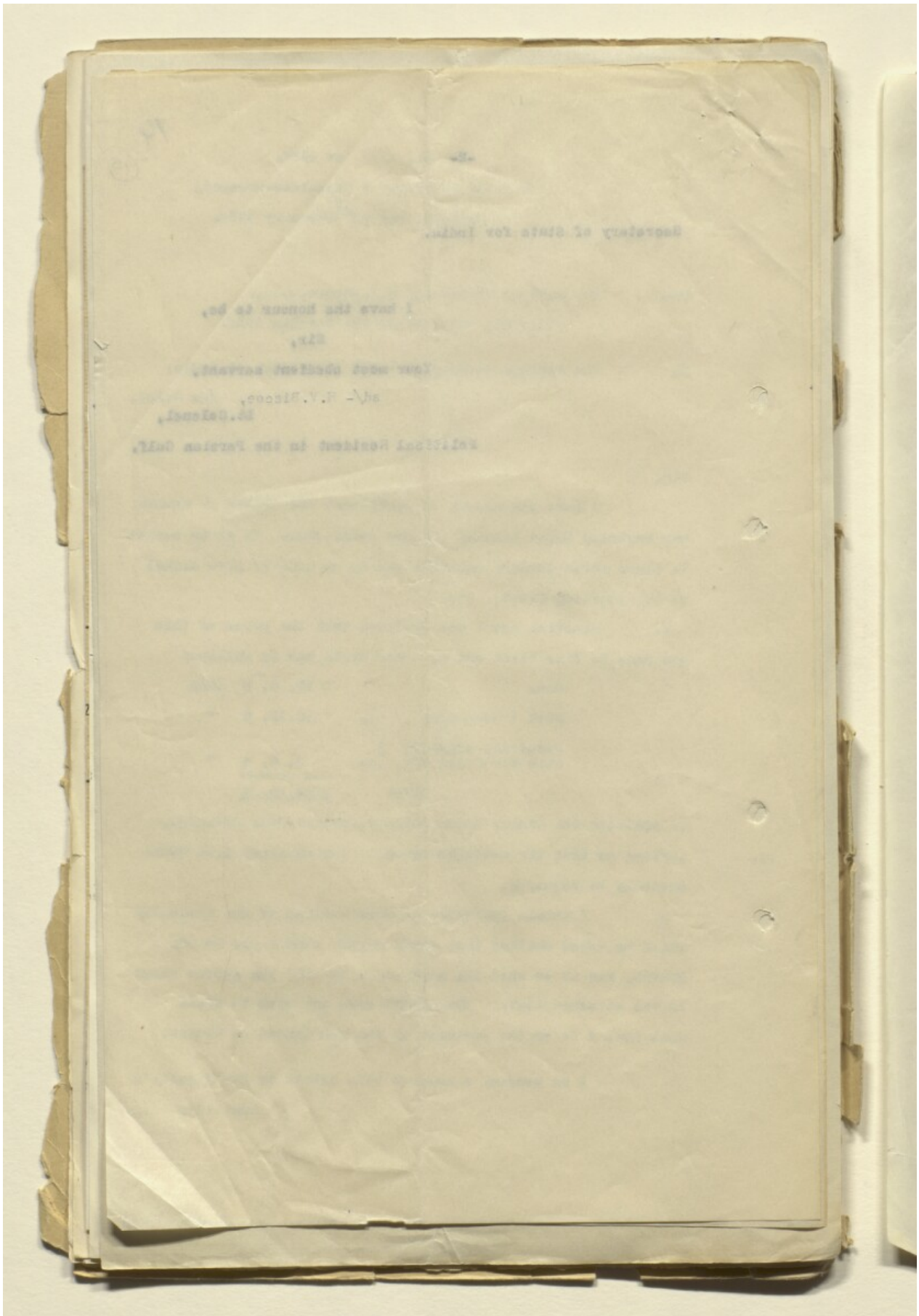
Guns	...	£ 20. 0. 0	each
Mark 1 Mountings	..	" 10.10. 0	"
Pedestals complete with H.D.Rings, etc.	}vv	" 6. 0. 4	"
Total		<u>£ 36.10. 4</u>	

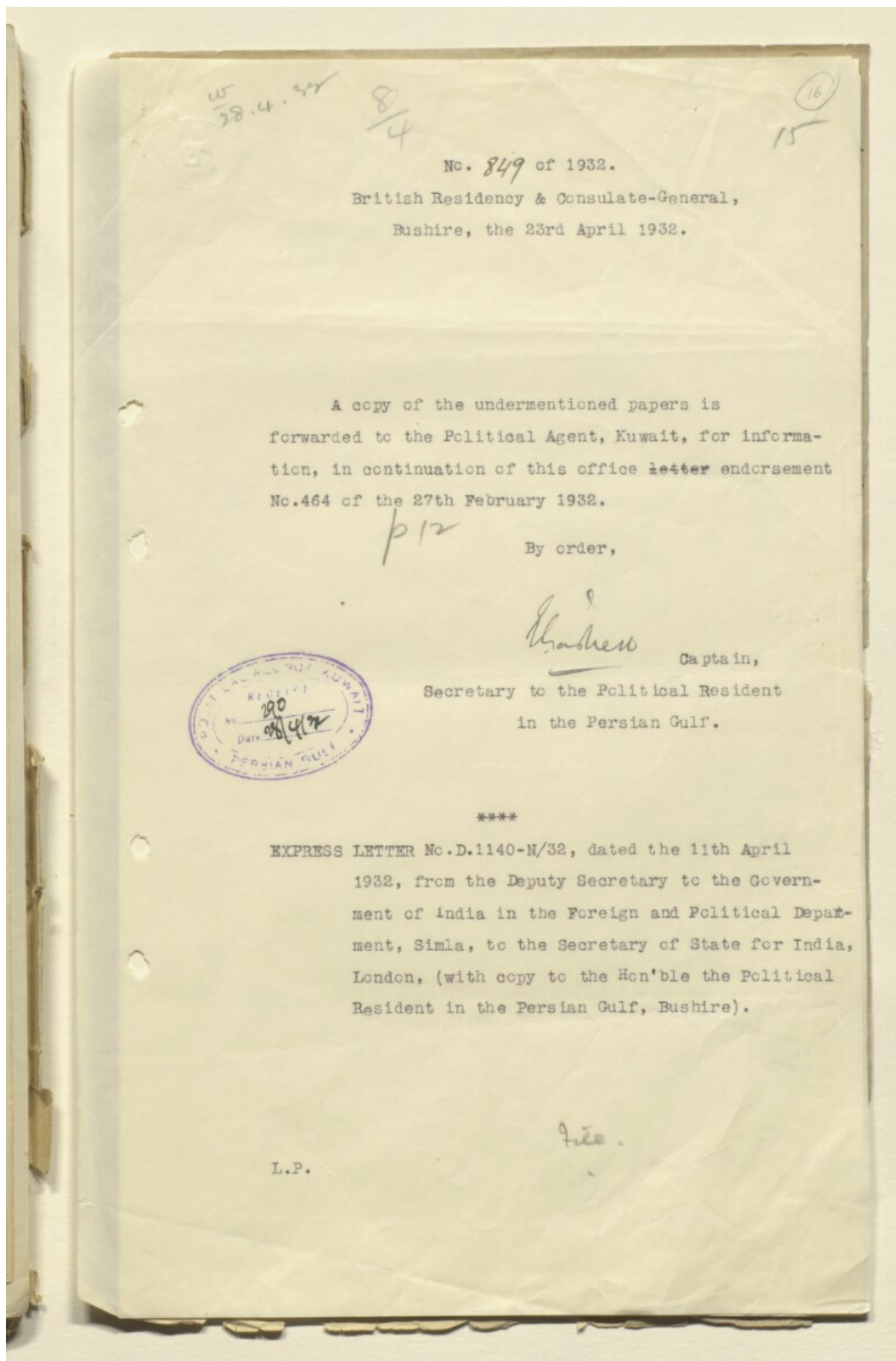
In addition the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division,
... informs me that the articles shown in the attached list would
probably be required.

3. I should therefore be much obliged if the Admiralty could be asked whether they could supply such a gun to the Shaikh, and if so what the cost would be with the spares shown in the attached list. The Shaikh does not wish to spend more than £ 50 on the purchase of the gun landed in Kuwait.

I am sending a copy of this letter to His Majesty's
Secretary ...







No. 849 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 23rd April 1932.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is
forwarded to the Political Agent, Kuwait, for informa-
tion, in continuation of this office letter endorsement
No. 464 of the 27th February 1932.

By order,

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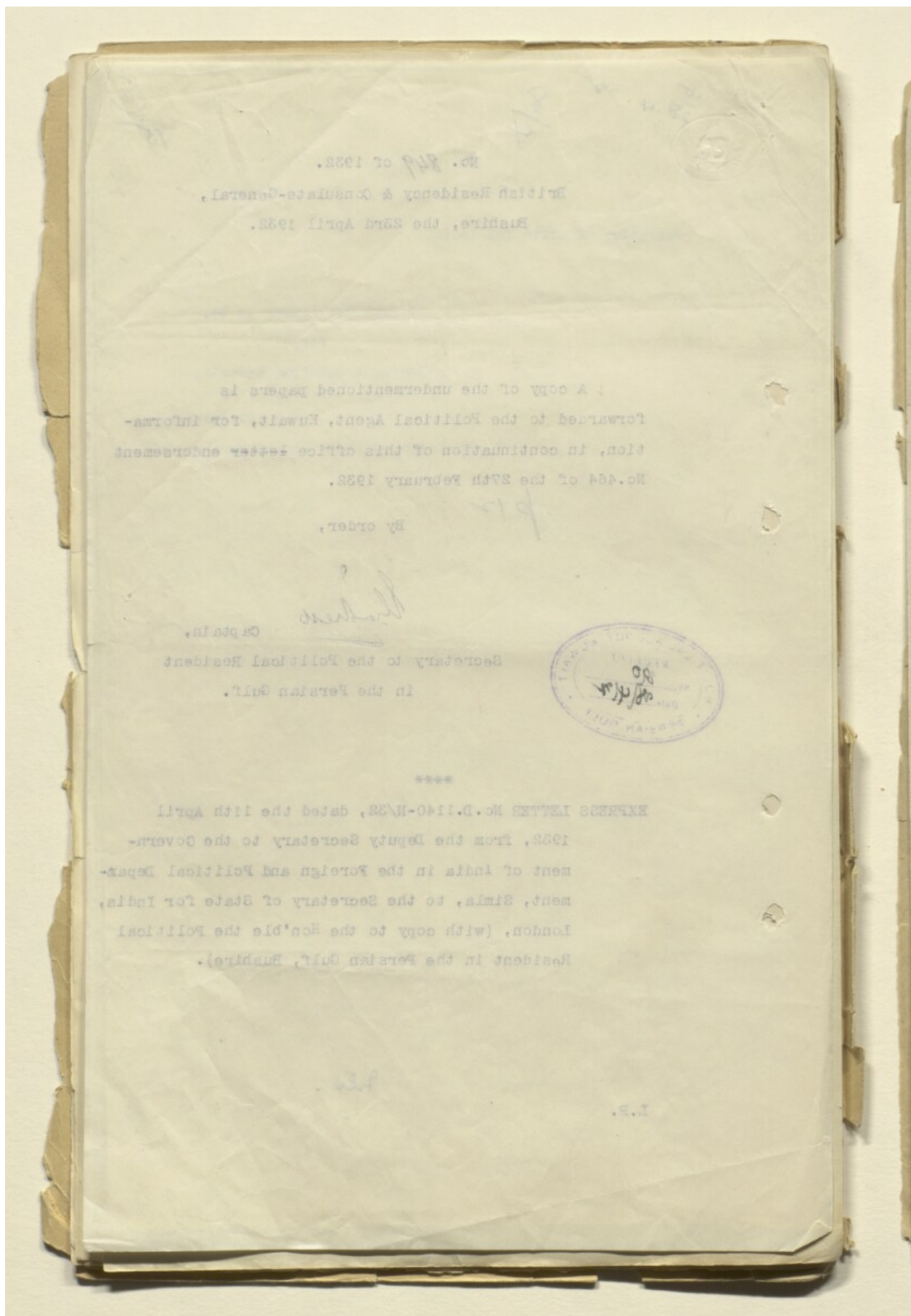
Captain,

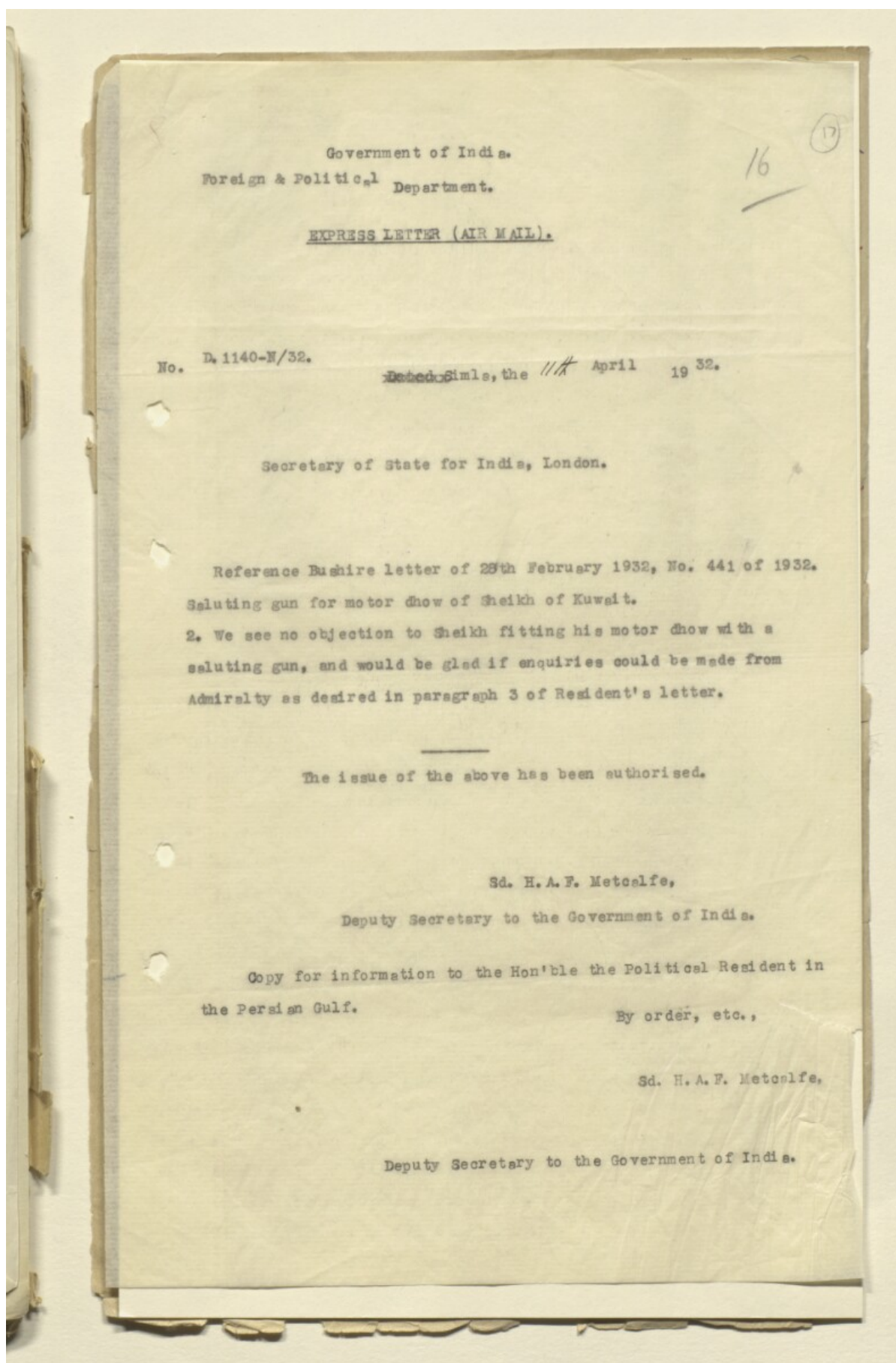
Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.



EXPRESS LETTER No. D.1140-N/32, dated the 11th April
1932, from the Deputy Secretary to the Govern-
ment of India in the Foreign and Political Depart-
ment, Simla, to the Secretary of State for India,
London, (with copy to the Hon'ble the Political
Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire).

L.P.





Government of India.
Foreign & Political Department.

EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).

No. D. 1140-N/32.

Dated, Simla, the 16th April 1932.

Secretary of State for India, London.

Reference Bushire letter of 28th February 1932, No. 441 of 1932.
Saluting gun for motor dhow of Sheikh of Kuwait.

2. We see no objection to Sheikh fitting his motor dhow with a
saluting gun, and would be glad if enquiries could be made from
Admiralty as desired in paragraph 3 of Resident's letter.

The issue of the above has been authorised.

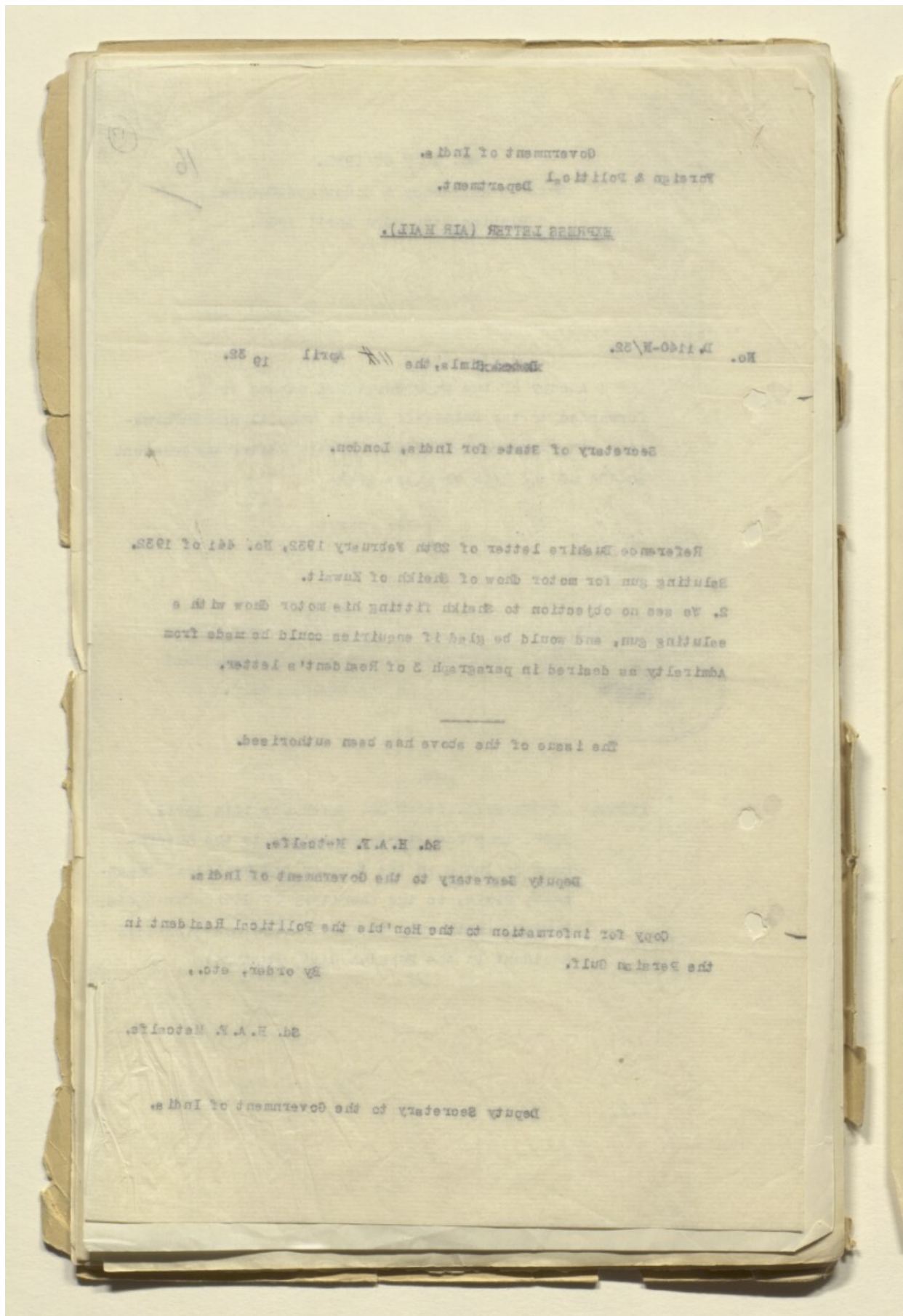
Sd. H. A. F. Metcalfe,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

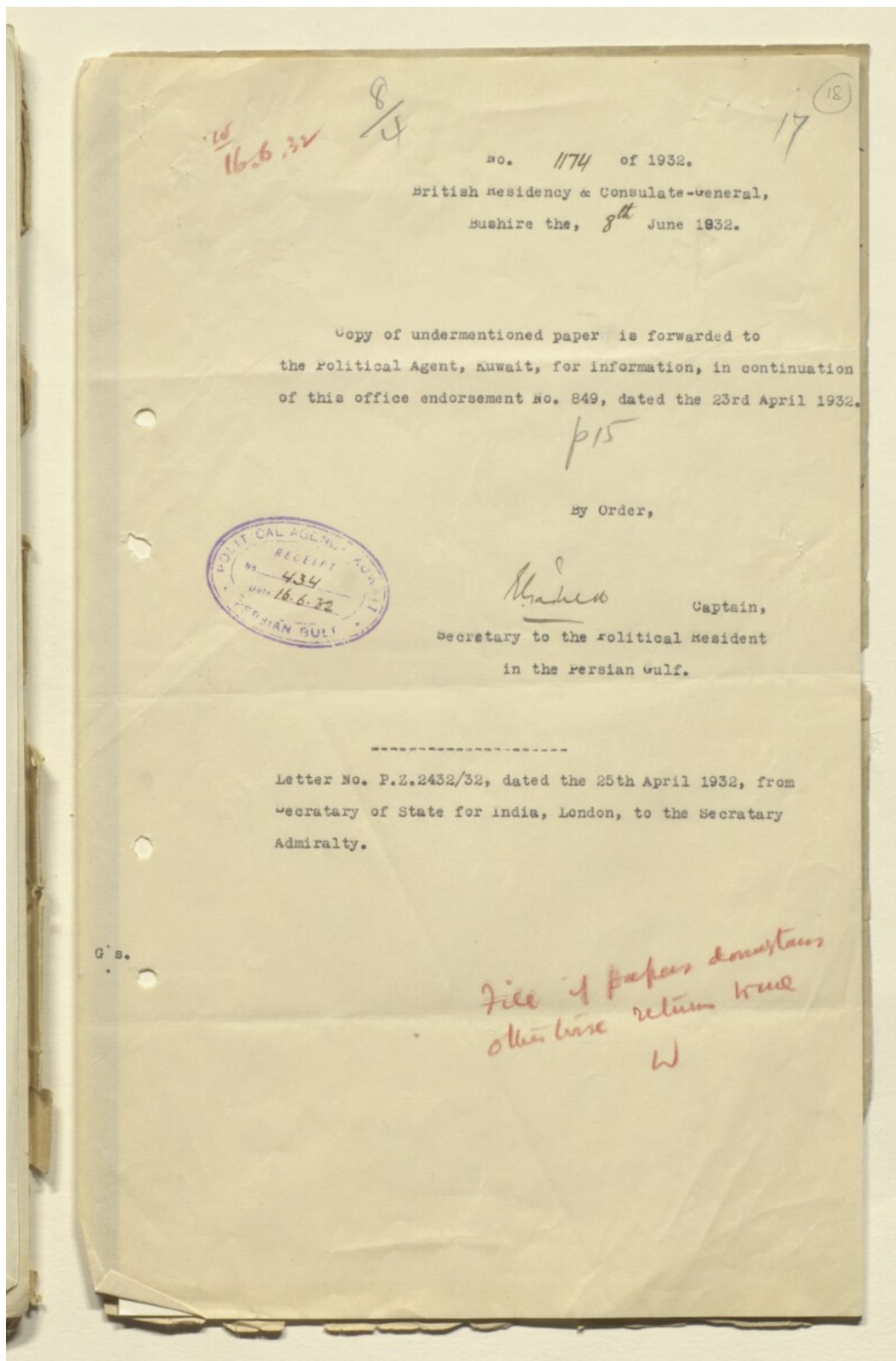
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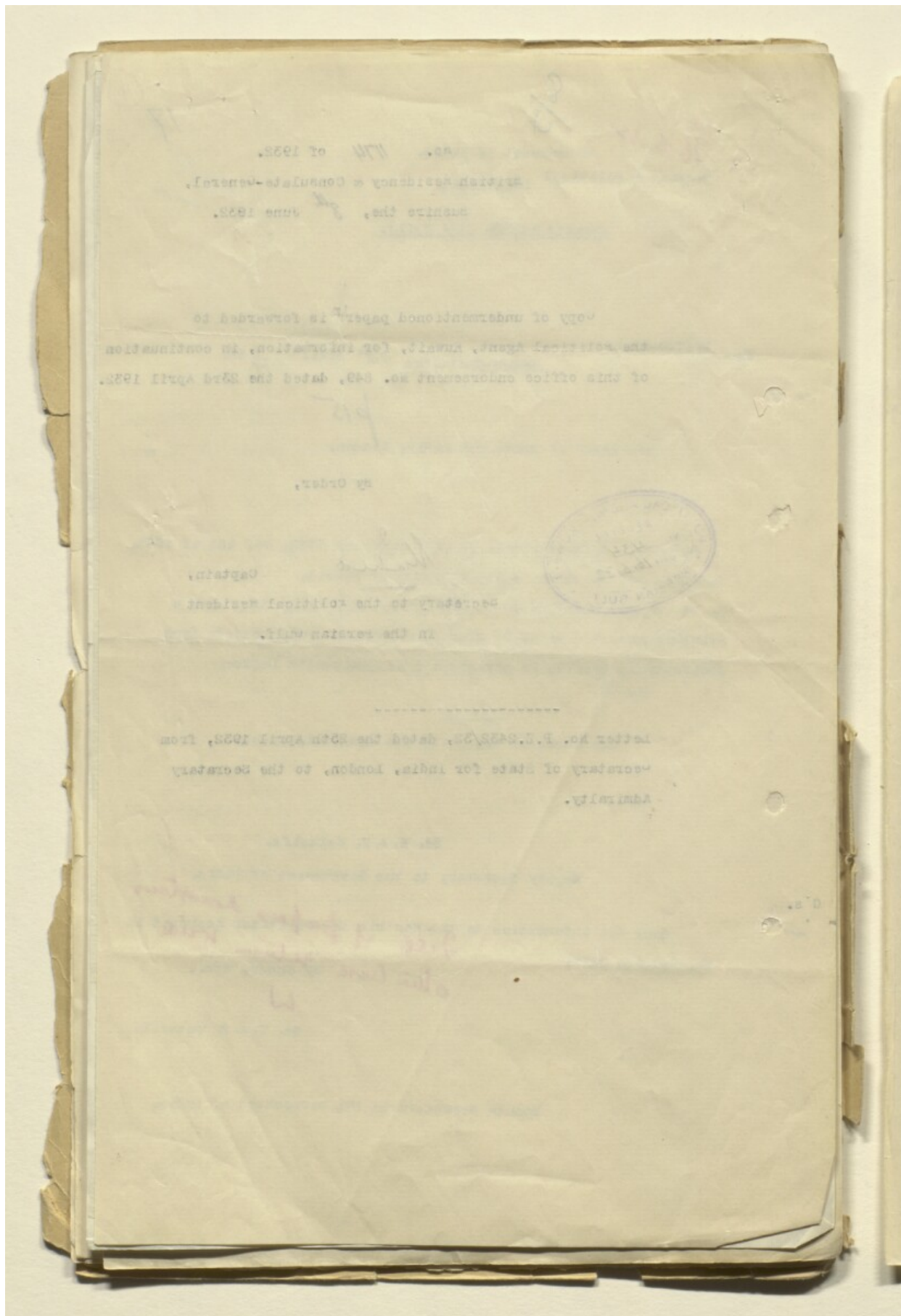
By order, etc.,

Sd. H. A. F. Metcalfe,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.









P.Z.2432/32.

18 (19)
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1
25th April, 1932.

Sir,

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I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to refer to the Despatch dated 28th February from the Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Government of India a copy of which was forwarded to the Admiralty under cover of Mr. Clauson's demi-official letter dated 18th March No. P.Z.1576/32, on the subject of the Sheikh of Kuwait's desire to buy a three-pouder ^{or} saluting gun for his new motor dhow.

Dated
11.4.32

2. An express letter, of which a copy is enclosed, has now been received from the Government of India, and I am to request that if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty see no objection the possibility of supplying such a gun from Admiralty stores may be considered.

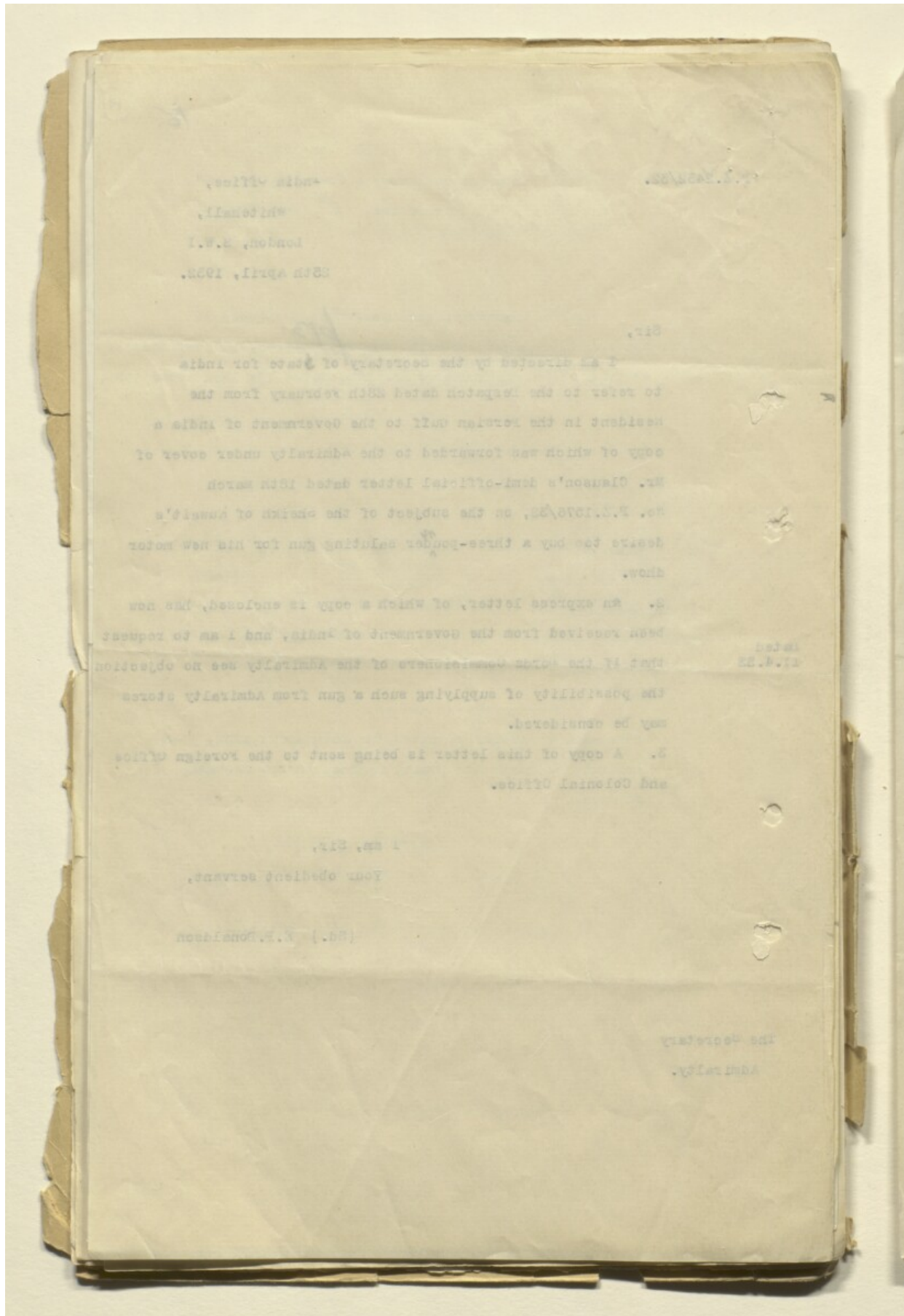
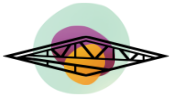
3. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Foreign Office and Colonial Office.

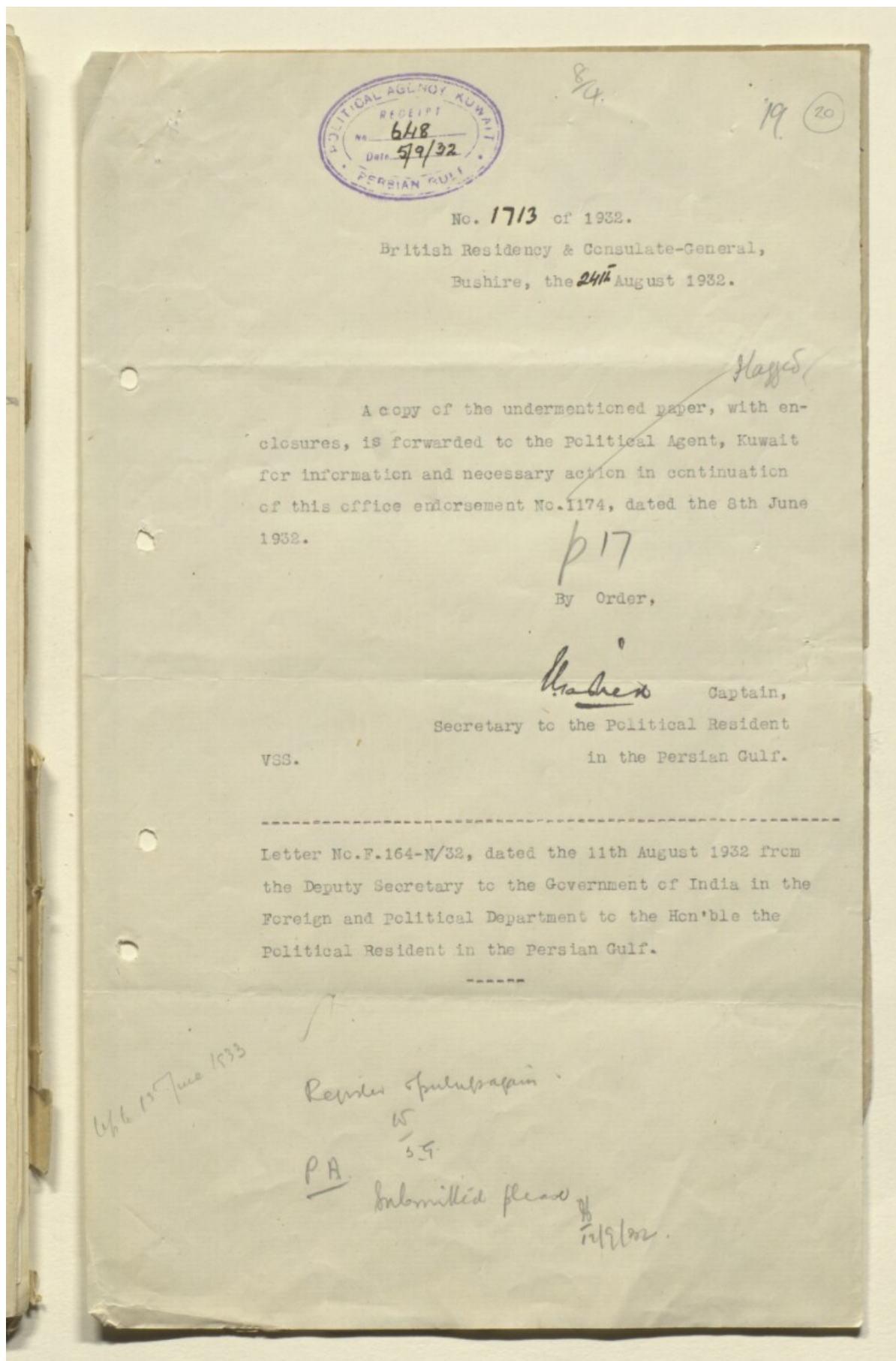
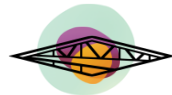
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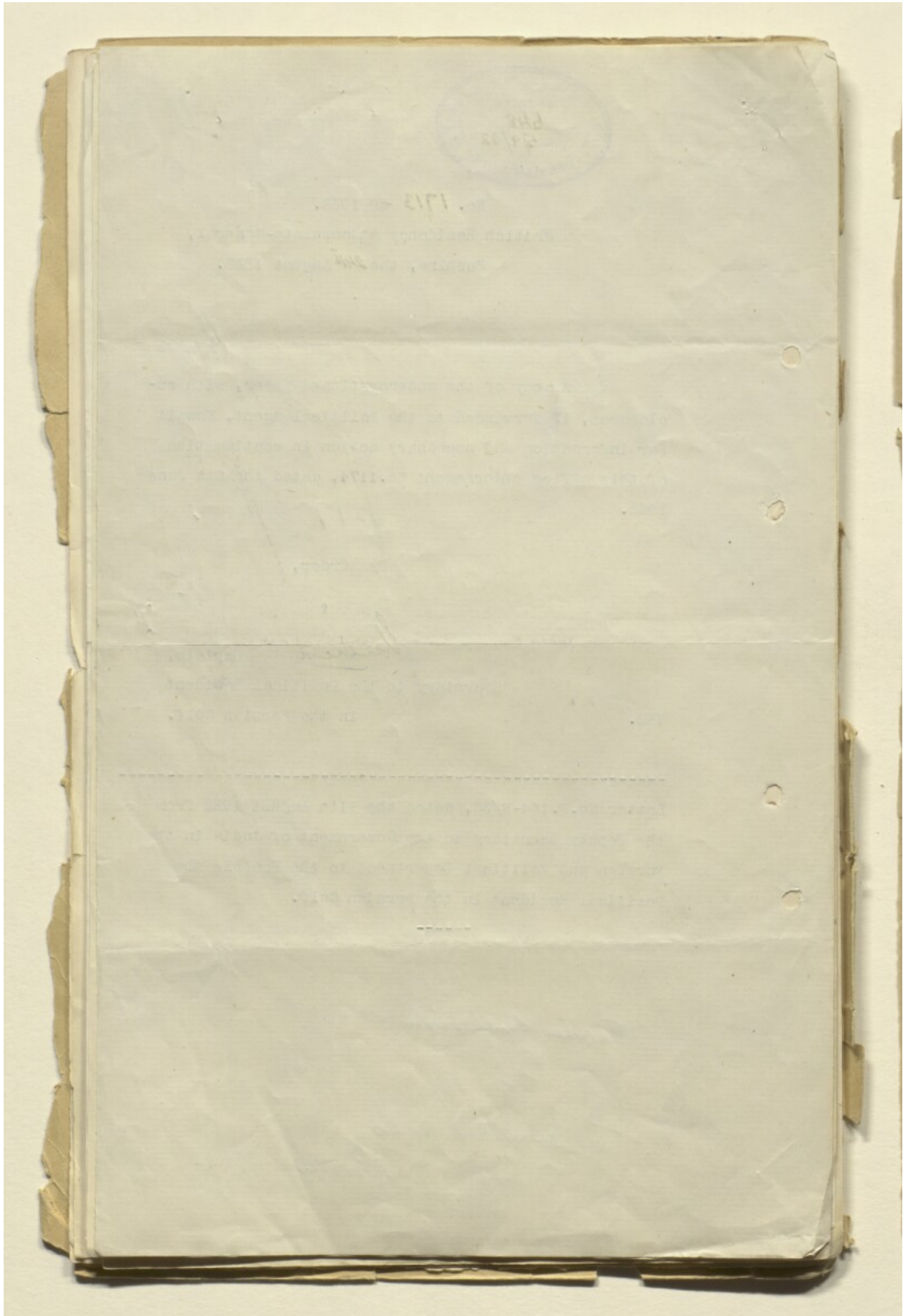
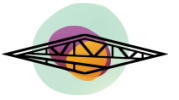
Your obedient servant,

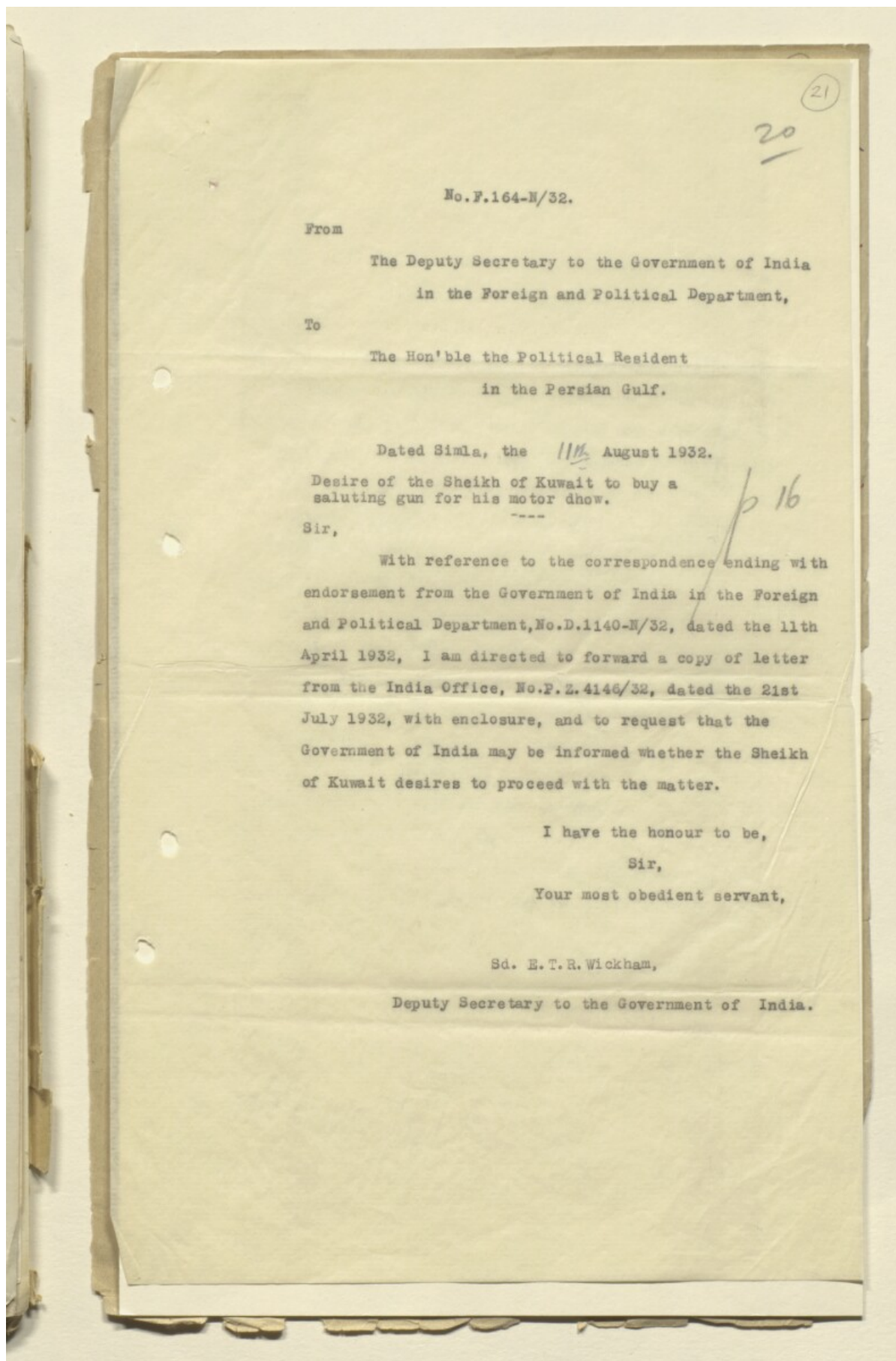
(Sd.) E.P. Donaldson

The Secretary
Admiralty.









No. P.164-N/32.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Dated Simla, the 11th August 1932.

Desire of the Sheikh of Kuwait to buy a
saluting gun for his motor dhow.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with
endorsement from the Government of India in the Foreign
and Political Department, No. D.1140-N/32, dated the 11th
April 1932, I am directed to forward a copy of letter
from the India Office, No. P.2.4146/32, dated the 21st
July 1932, with enclosure, and to request that the
Government of India may be informed whether the Sheikh
of Kuwait desires to proceed with the matter.

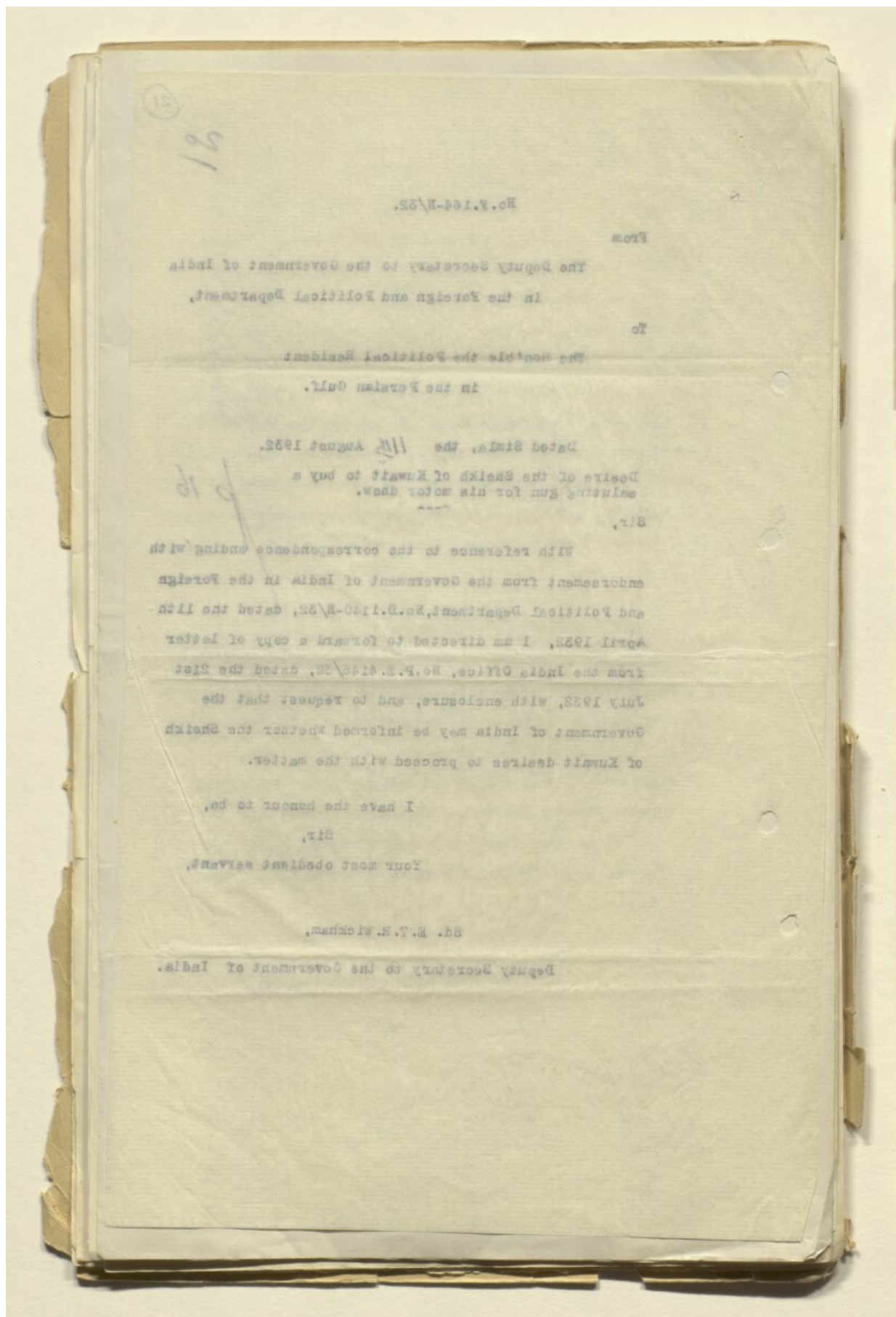
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. E. T. R. Wickham,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.





If it is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—

*The Under Secretary of State for India,
Political Department,
India Office,
London, S.W. 1.*

P. 2.4146/32.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

21st July, 1932.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with the Government of India's express letter No.D.1140-N/32 dated 11th April, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India copy of a letter from the Admiralty dated 9th July, from which it will be seen that it will be possible to supply a 3-pounder saluting gun for the Sheikh of Koweit's new motor dhow from Admiralty stock at a total cost of £59.17.0, excluding cost of packing and transport. The cost of packing and transport would amount to approximately £9 in addition, but it may be possible to reduce this by sending out the gun in one of His Majesty's ships. It will be observed that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty would require prepayment.

The Government of India will no doubt in due course inform the Secretary of State whether the Sheikh desires to proceed with the matter.

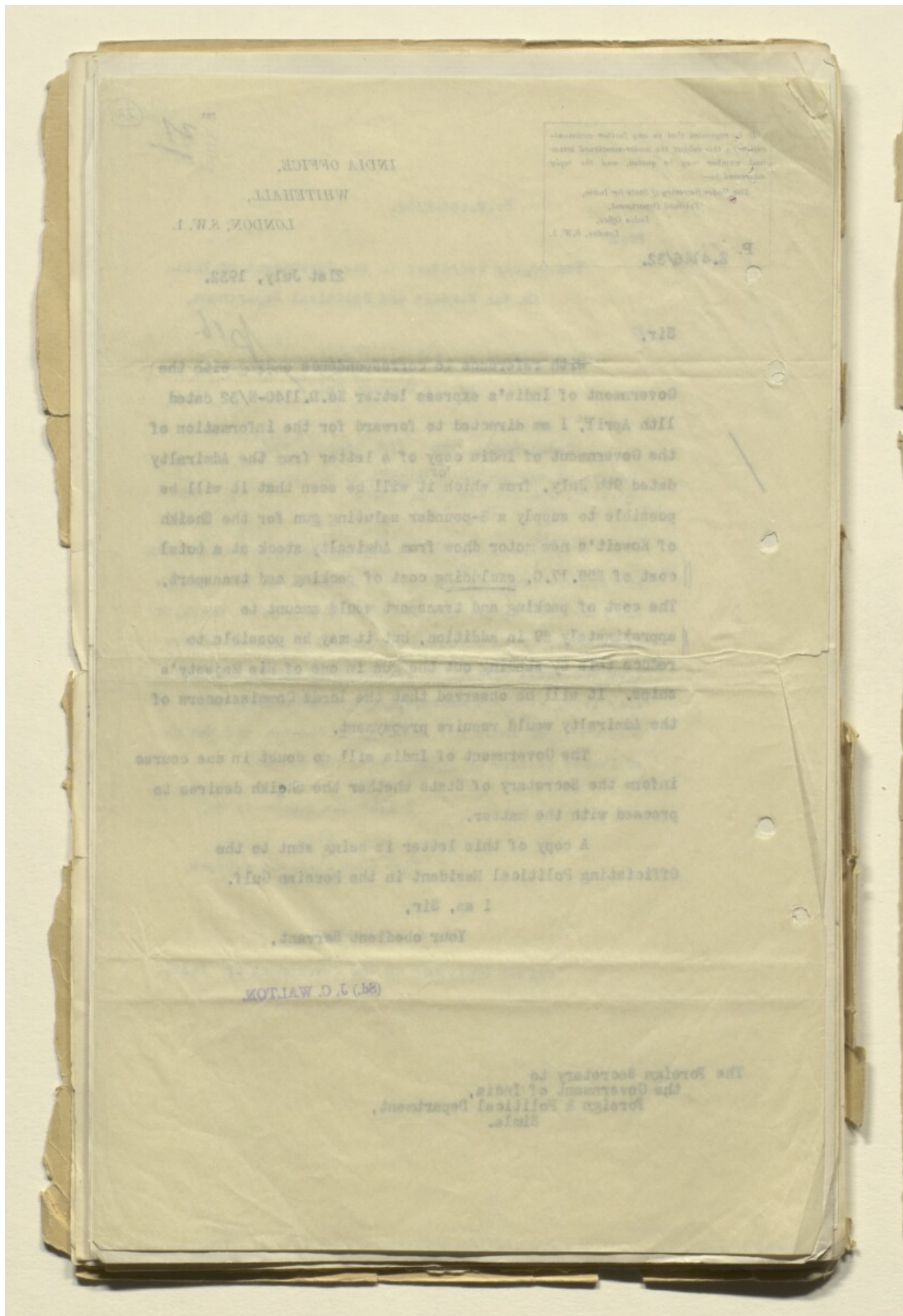
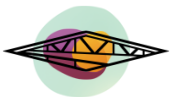
A copy of this letter is being sent to the Officiating Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) J. C. WALTON.

The Foreign Secretary to
the Government of India,
Foreign & Political Department,
Simla.





P.Z. 4146/32.
M. 1995/32.

ADMIRALTY, S. W. 1.
9th July 1932.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.P.Z.2432/32, of 25th April 1932, concerning the desire of the Sheikh of Koweit to buy a three pounder saluting gun for his new motor dhow, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that it would be possible to supply such a gun from Admiralty stock. The cost complete with all fittings and with the spares and ammunition (25 cartridges, charges and primers) quoted in the list attached to the letter from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf No.441, of the 28th February 1932, would be £59.17.0. The cost of packing and transport would amount to approximately £9 in addition, but it might be possible to reduce this by sending out the gun in one of H.M. Ships. Prepayment would have to be required.

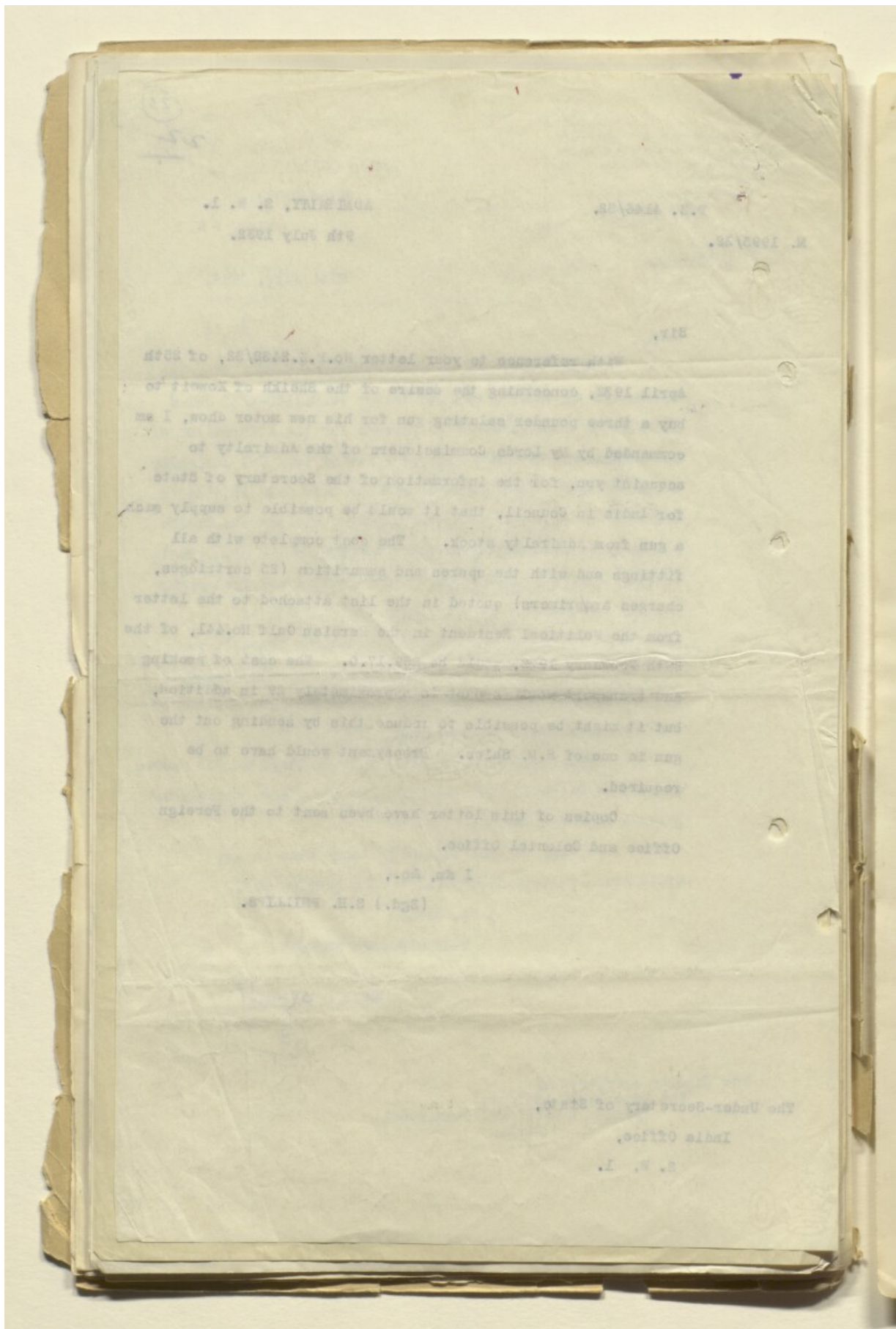
Copies of this letter have been sent to the Foreign Office and Colonial Office.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) S.H. PHILLIPS.

The Under-Secretary of State,
India Office,
S. W. 1.

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No.8/4/625

23
Political Agency, Kuwait. (24)

Dated the 20th September 1932.

From

Lieutenant-Colonel H.R.B. Dickson, C.I.E.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.

To

The Secretary to the
the Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

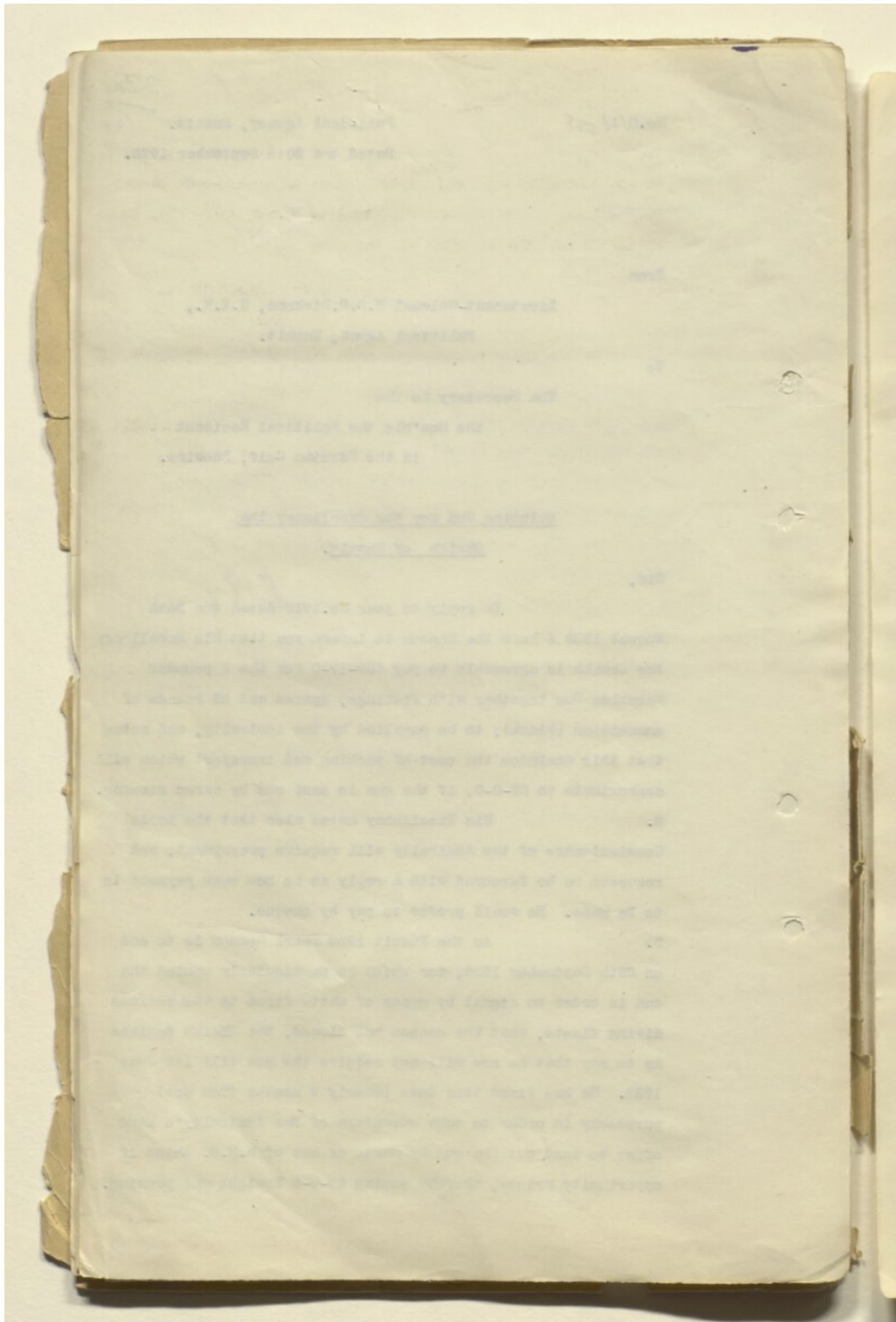
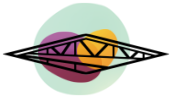
Saluting Gun for His Excellency the
Shaikh of Kuwait.

Sir,

p19.
In reply to your No.1713 dated the 24th August 1932 I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Shaikh is agreeable to pay £59-17-0 for the 3 pounder Saluting Gun together with fittings, spares and 25 rounds of ammunition (blank), to be supplied by the Admiralty, and notes that this excludes the cost of packing and transport which will approximate to £9-0-0, if the gun is sent out by cargo steamer.

2. His Excellency notes also that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will require prepayment, and requests to be favoured with a reply as to how such payment is to be made. He would prefer to pay by cheque.

3. As the Kuwait 1932 Pearl Season is to end on 25th September 1932, for which he particularly wanted the gun in order to signal by means of shots fired to the various diving fleets, that the season had closed, the Shaikh desires me to say that he now will not require the gun till 1st June 1933. He has fixed this date (namely 9 months from now) purposely in order to take advantage of the Admiralty's kind offer to send out the gun by means of one of H.M.S. ships if opportunity arises, thereby saving £9-0-0 freight and packing.





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4. It is presumed that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will not require to be paid the above £9-0-0 until, it is quite certain that none of H.M.S. ships will be available or able to bring out the gun.

I have the honour to be,

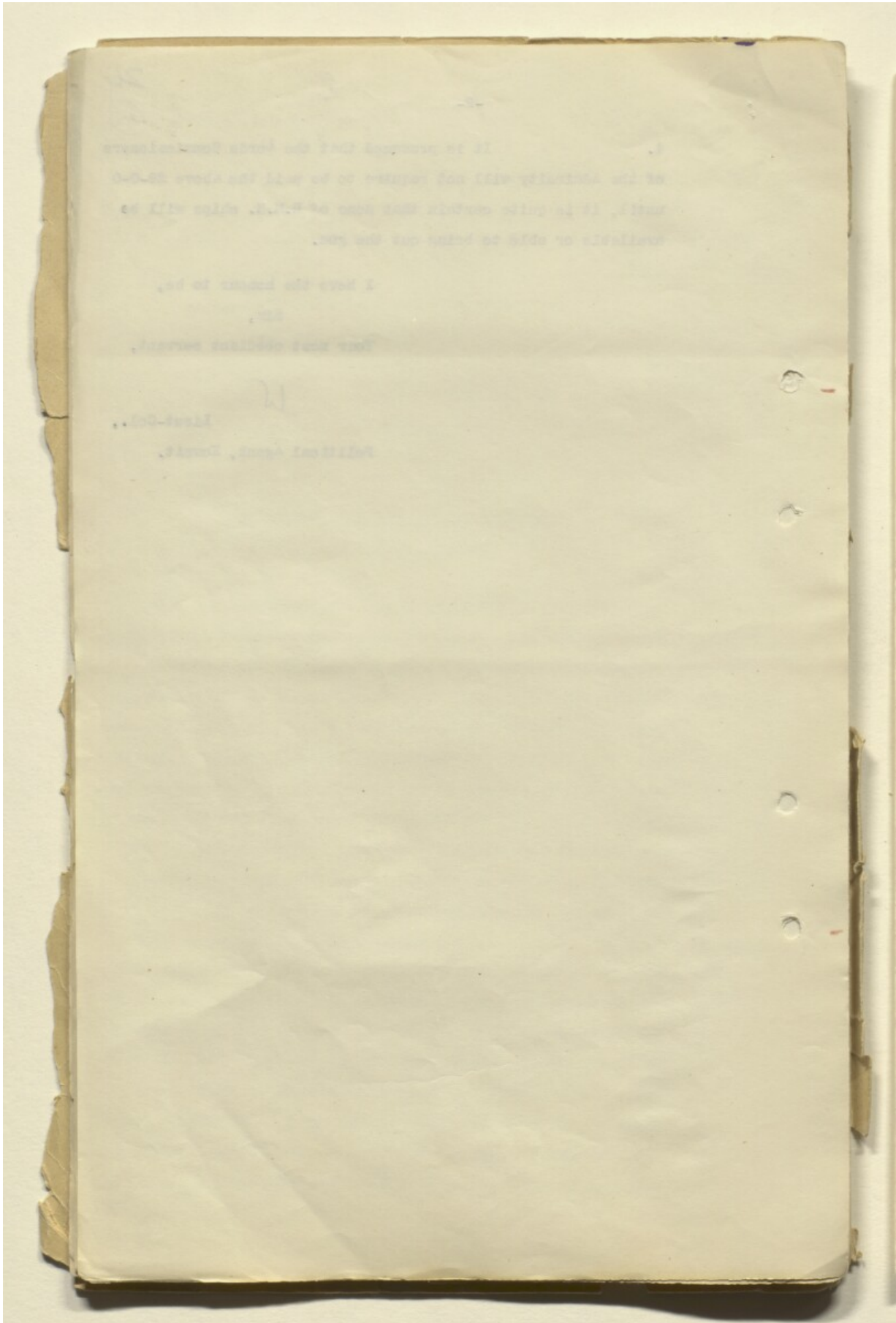
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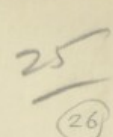
Your most obedient servant,

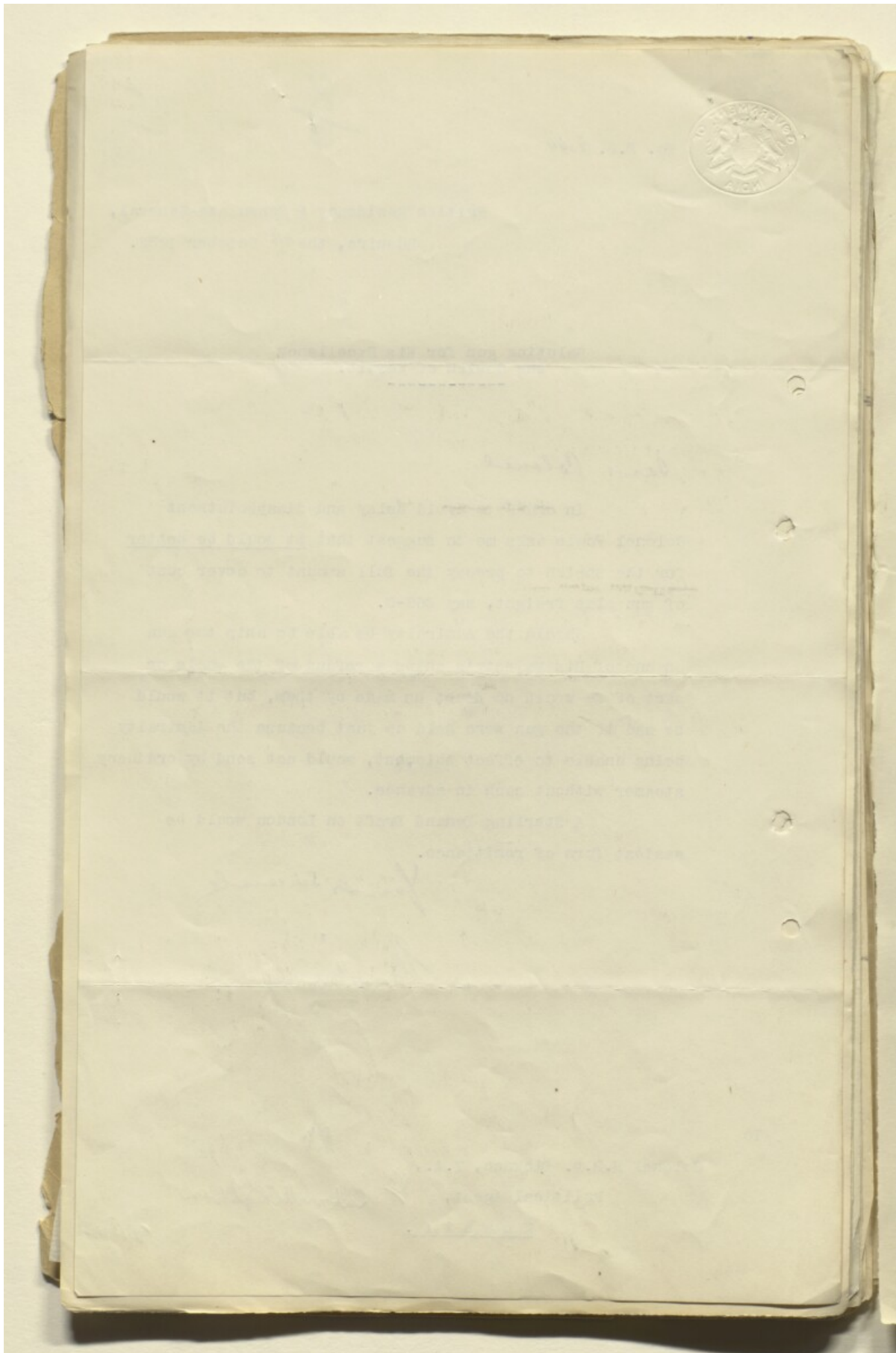
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Lieut-Col.,

Political Agent, Kuwait.









No. 717.

Political Agency, Kuwait. 26 (27)

Dated the 24th Jamad Thani 1351.
25th October 1932.

To

His Excellency the Ruler of Kuwait,
Kuwait.

After compliments,

I have the honour to forward to Your Excellency as already promised a translation of the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident's letter D.O.No.2044 dated 4th October 1932 to myself regarding the saluting gun which Your Excellency has expressed the desire should be purchased from the Admiralty, London, for your motor yacht. p25

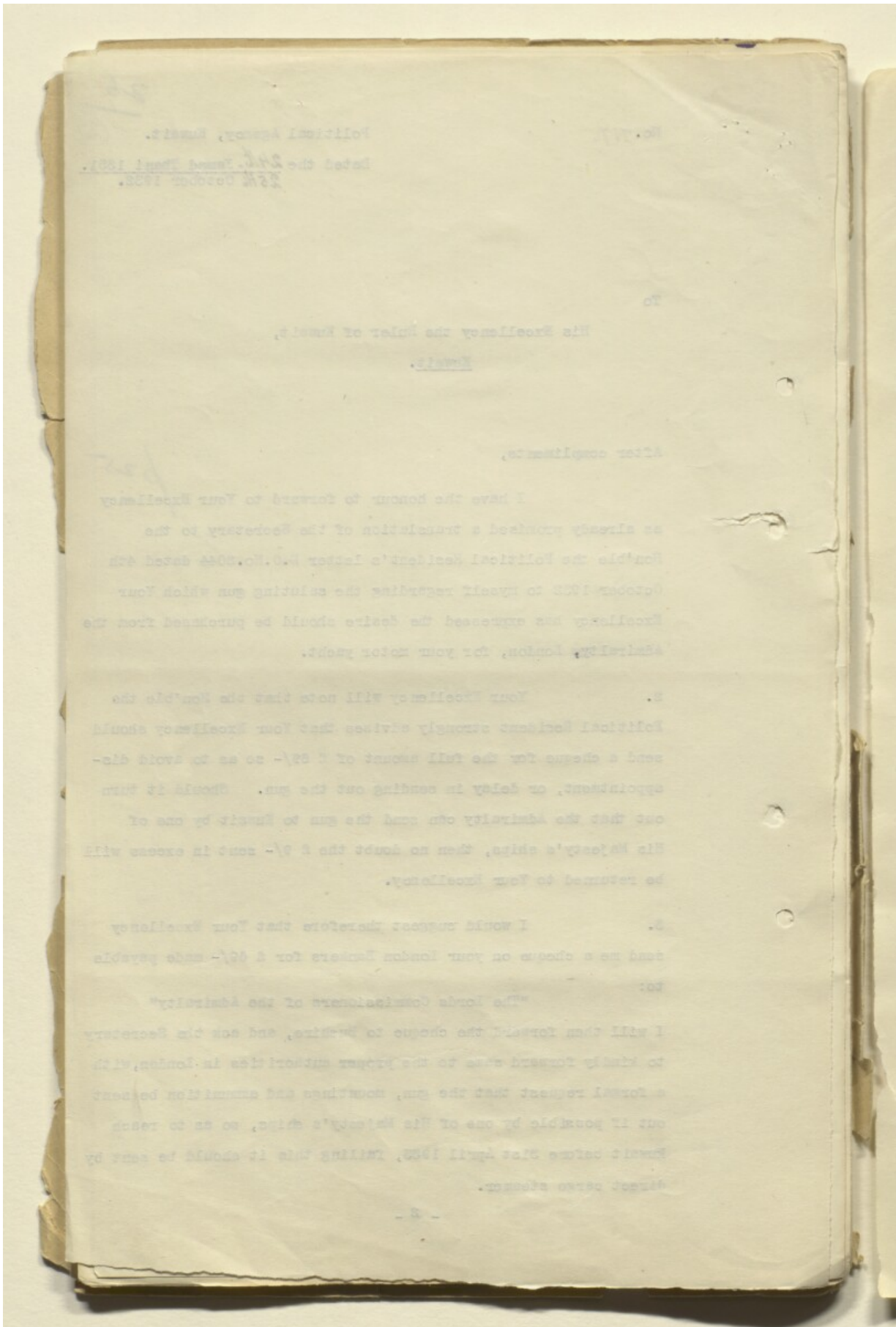
2. Your Excellency will note that the Hon'ble the Political Resident strongly advises that Your Excellency should send a cheque for the full amount of £ 69/- so as to avoid disappointment, or delay in sending out the gun. Should it turn out that the Admiralty can send the gun to Kuwait by one of His Majesty's ships, then no doubt the £ 9/- sent in excess will be returned to Your Excellency.

3. I would suggest therefore that Your Excellency send me a cheque on your London Bankers for £ 69/- made payable to:

"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty"

I will then forward the cheque to Bushire, and ask the Secretary to kindly forward same to the proper authorities in London, with a formal request that the gun, mountings and ammunition be sent out if possible by one of His Majesty's ships, so as to reach Kuwait before 31st April 1933, failing this it should be sent by direct cargo steamer.

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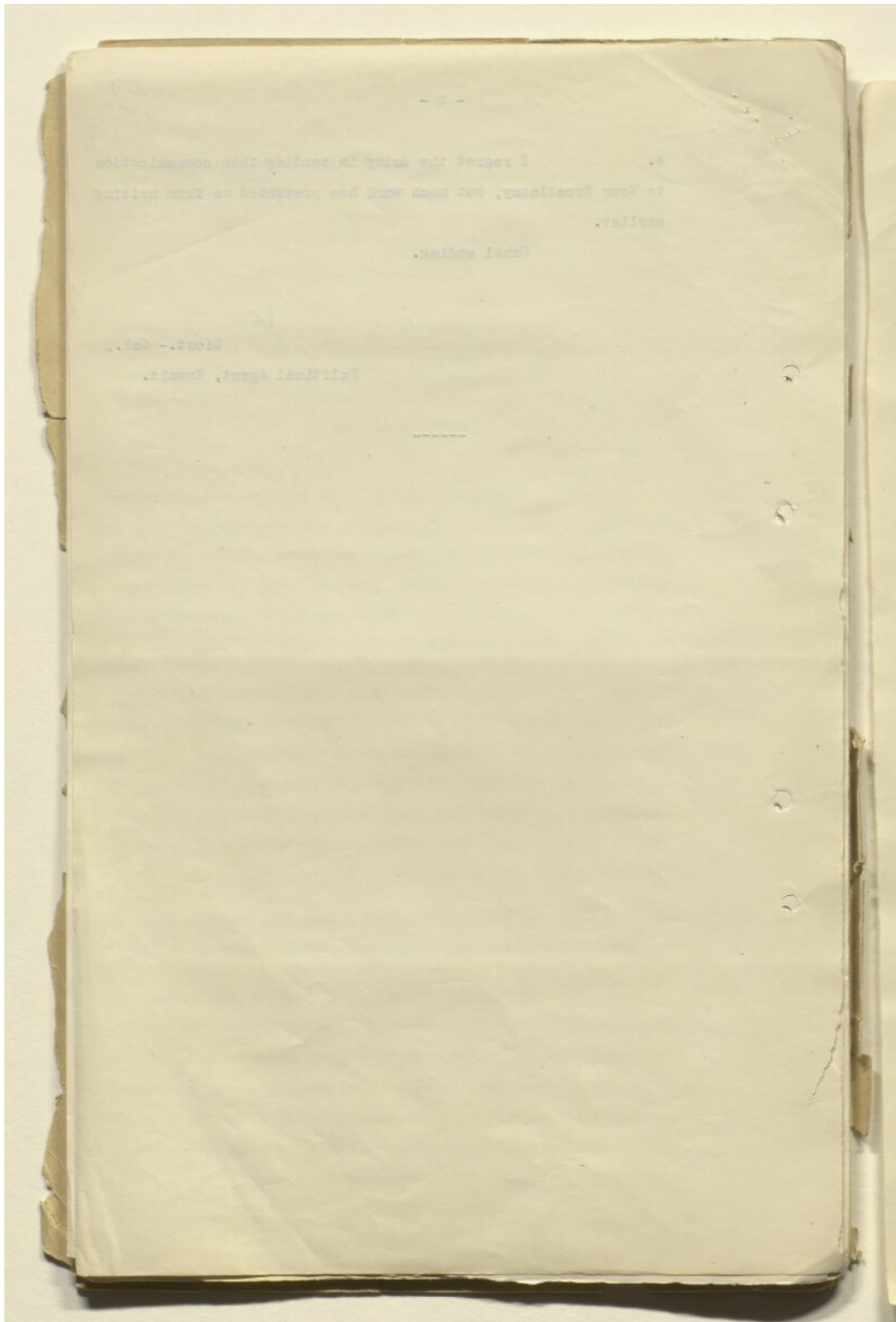
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4. I regret the delay in sending this communication
to Your Excellency, but much work has prevented me from writing
earlier.

Usual ending.

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Lieut.- Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.





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Translation of a letter.

From - H. E. Shaikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Sabah, K.C.I.E.,
C.S.I., Ruler of Kuwait, Kuwait.

To - The Political Agent, Kuwait.

No.R/689.

Dated the 29th Jamad Thani 1351 (30th October 1932).

After compliments,

With the hand of pleasure I have received your letter No.717 dated 24th Jamad Thani 1351 (25th October 1932), together with the translation of the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident's letter, regarding the saluting gun which it is my desire to ^{be} purchased from the Admiralty, London, and noted the contents of both.

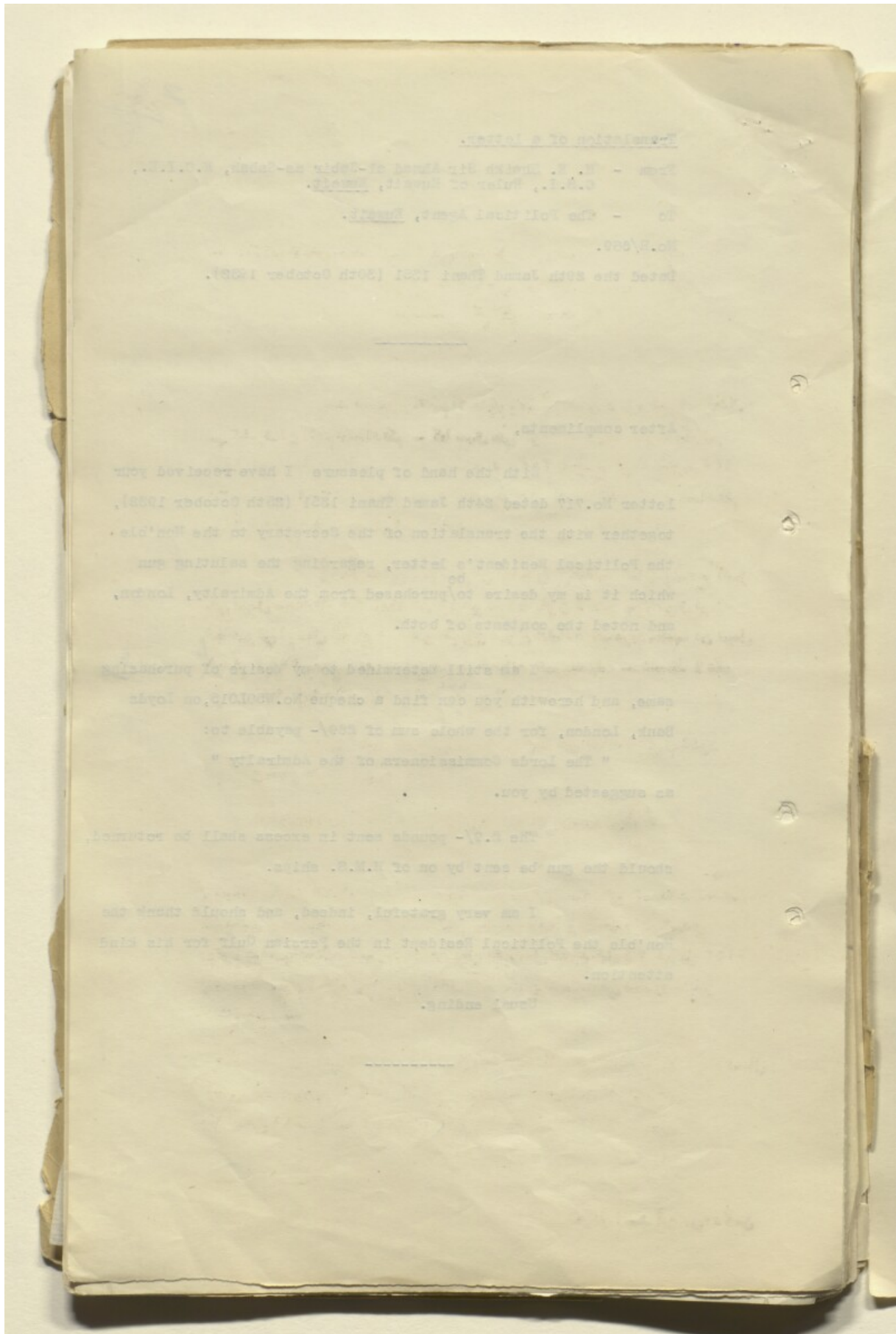
I am still determined to my desire ^{to} of purchasing ^e same, and herewith you can ^{will} find a cheque No.W50L015, on Loyds Bank, London, for the whole sum of £89/- payable to:

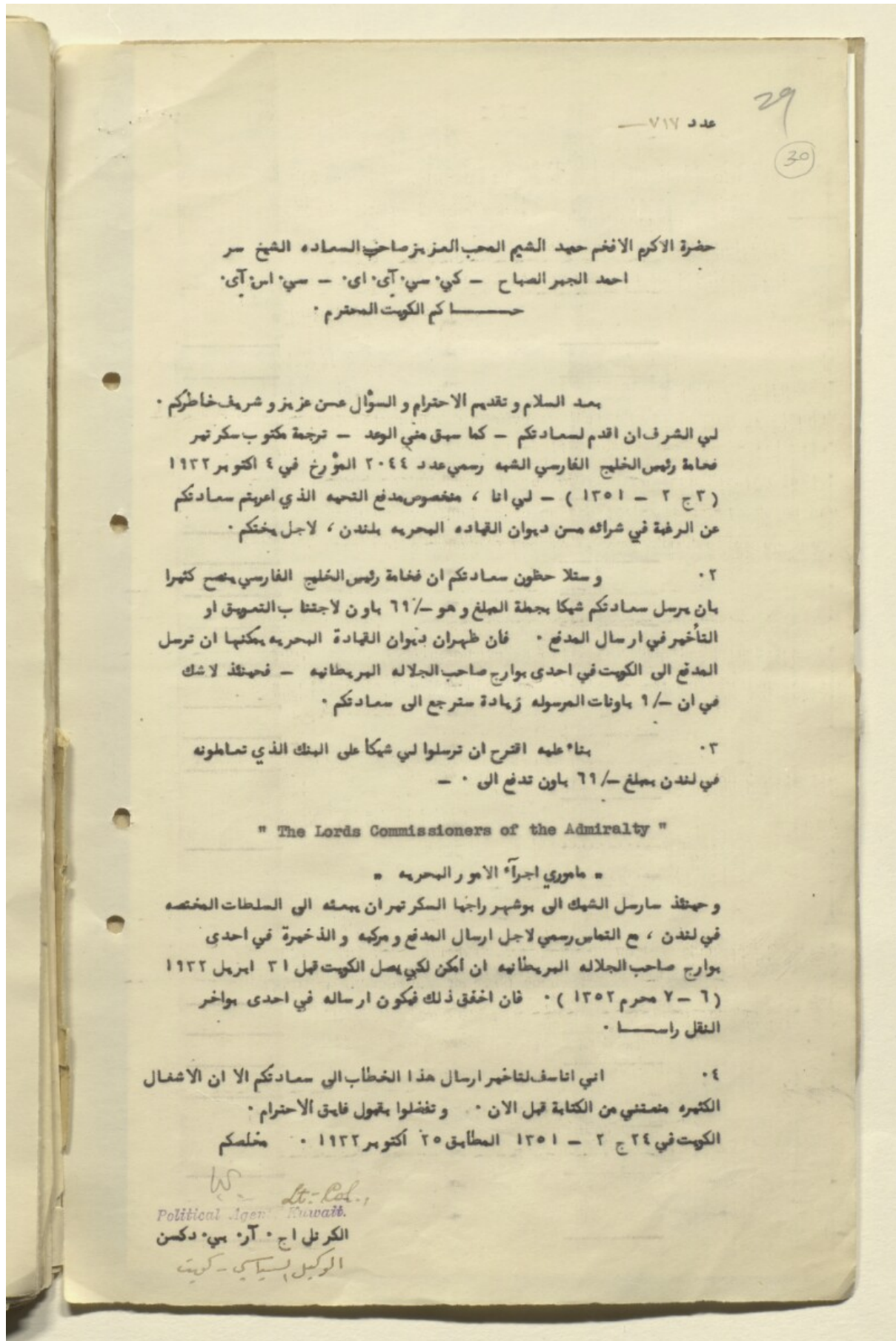
" The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty "
as suggested by you.

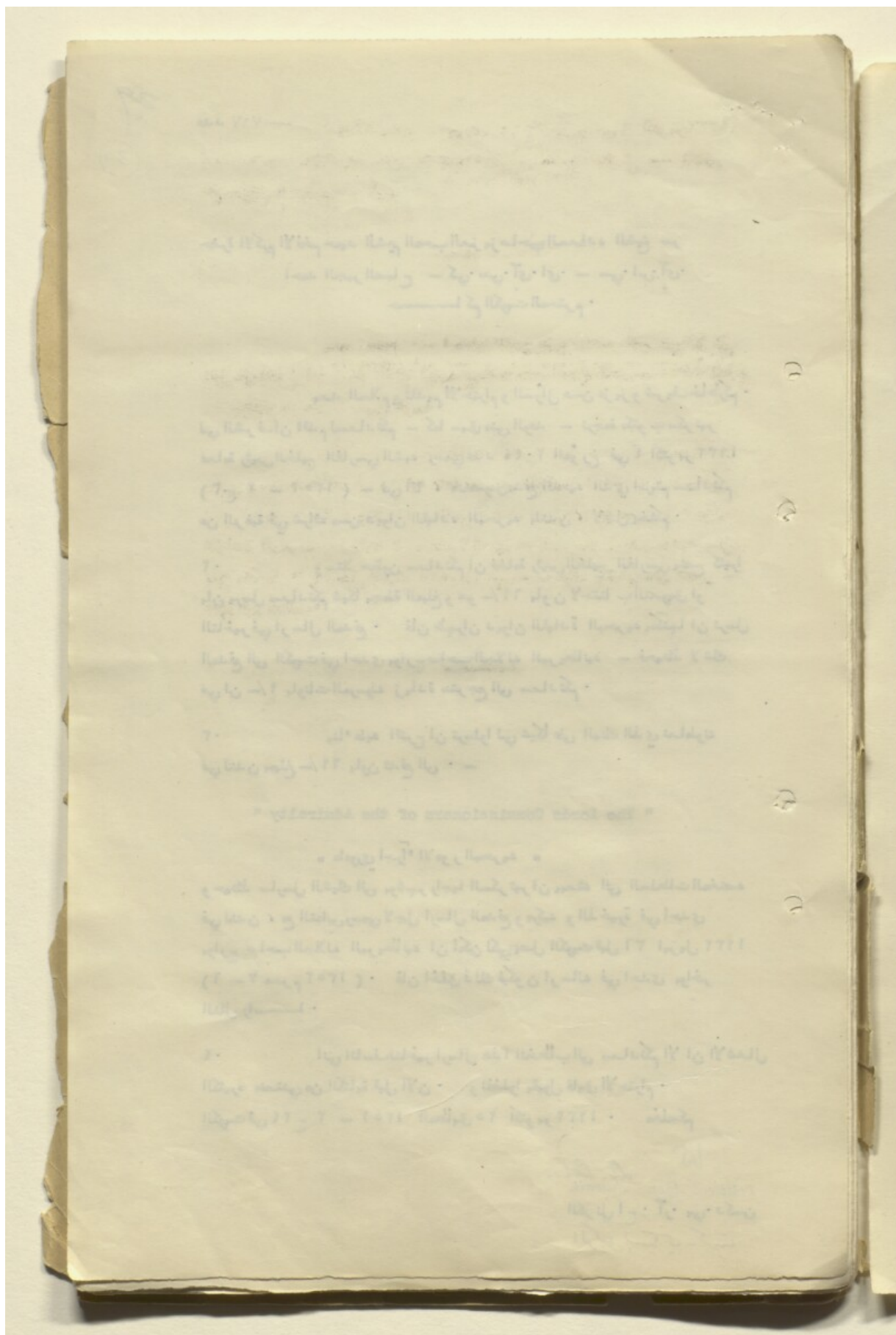
The £.9/- pounds sent in excess shall be returned, should the gun be sent by on of H.M.S. ships.

I am very grateful, indeed, and should thank the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf for his kind attention.

Usual ending.





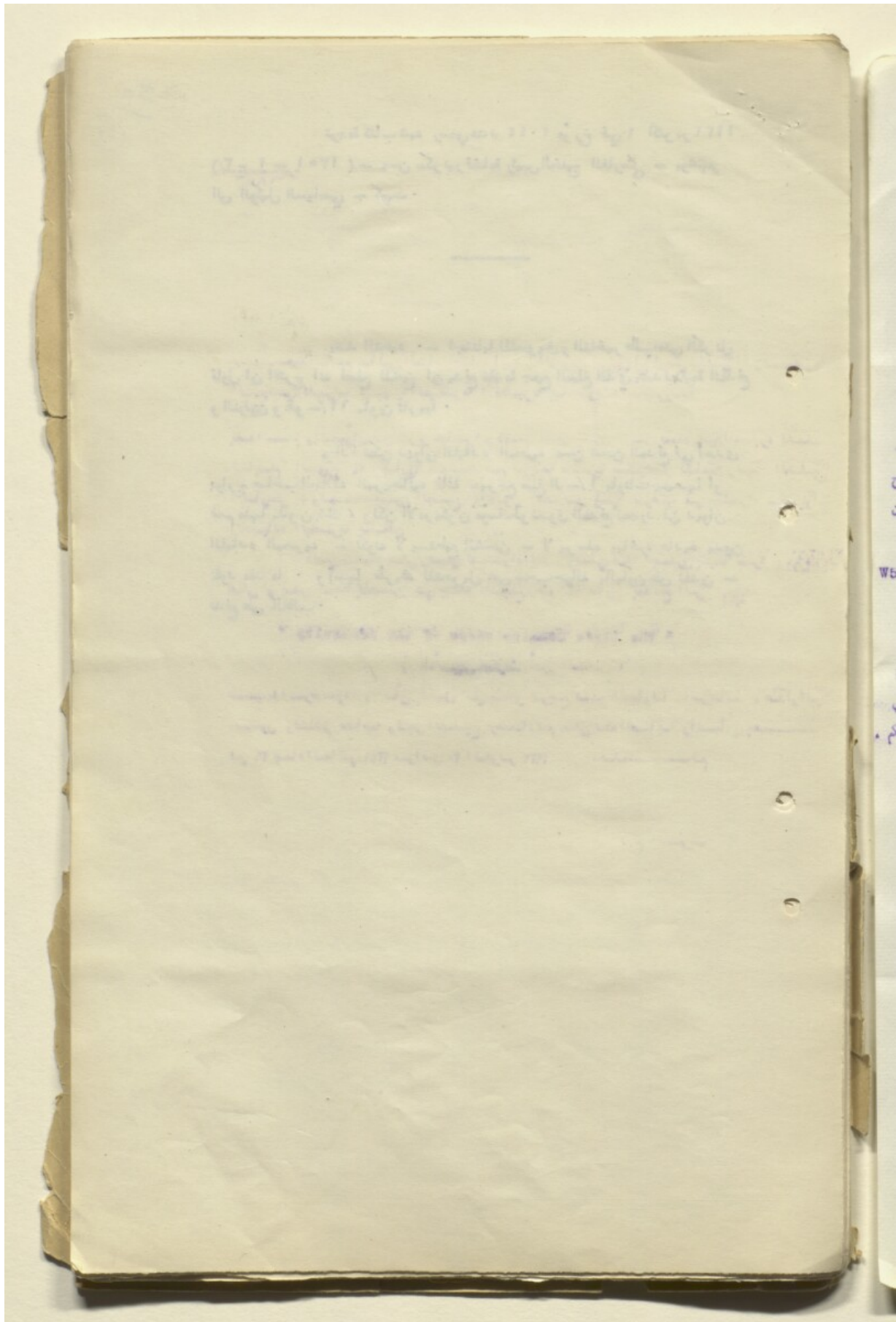




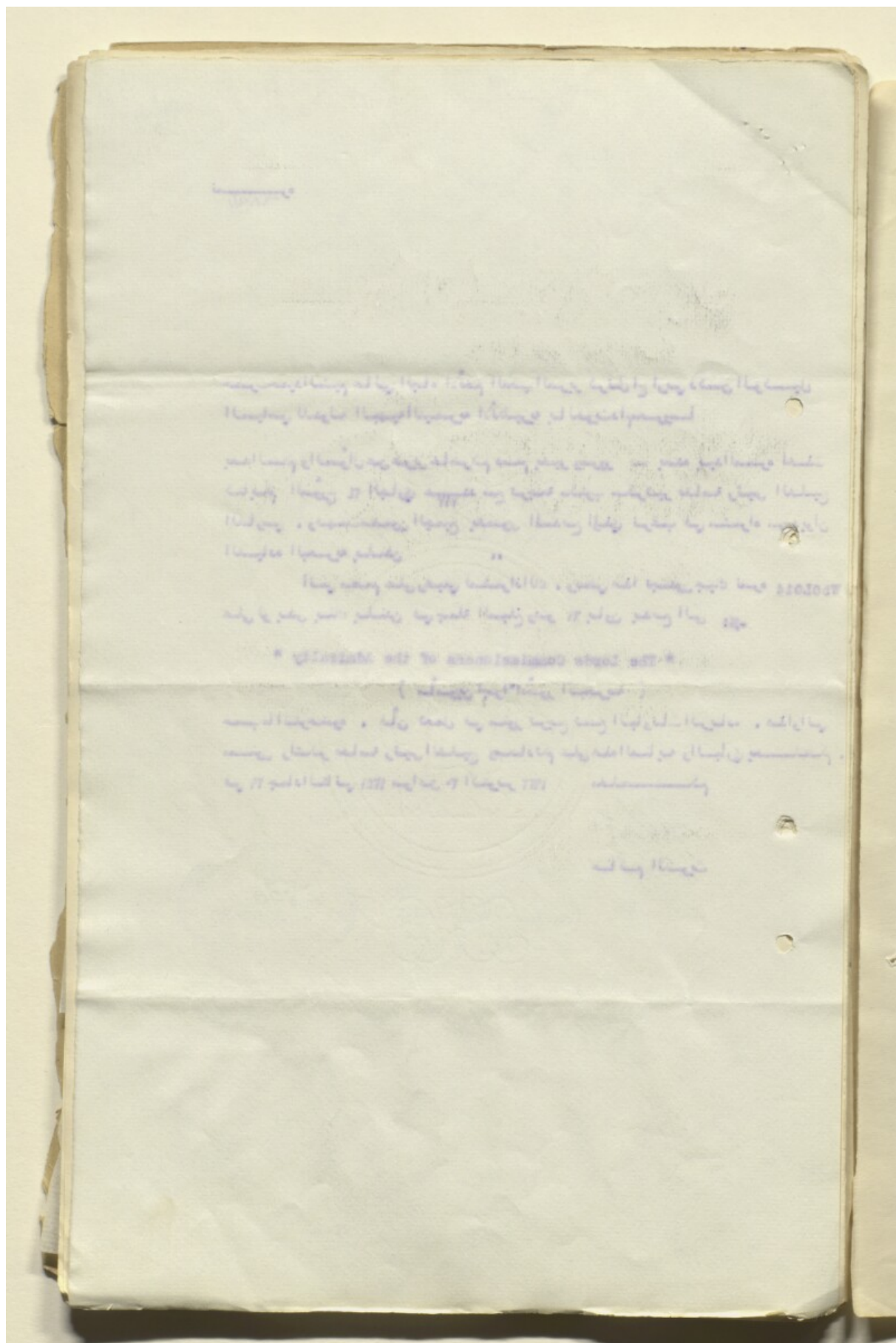
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(٢ ج ١ - ١٣٥١) - من سكرتير فخامة رئيس الخليج الفارسي - موشهر
الي الوكيل السياسي - الكويت .

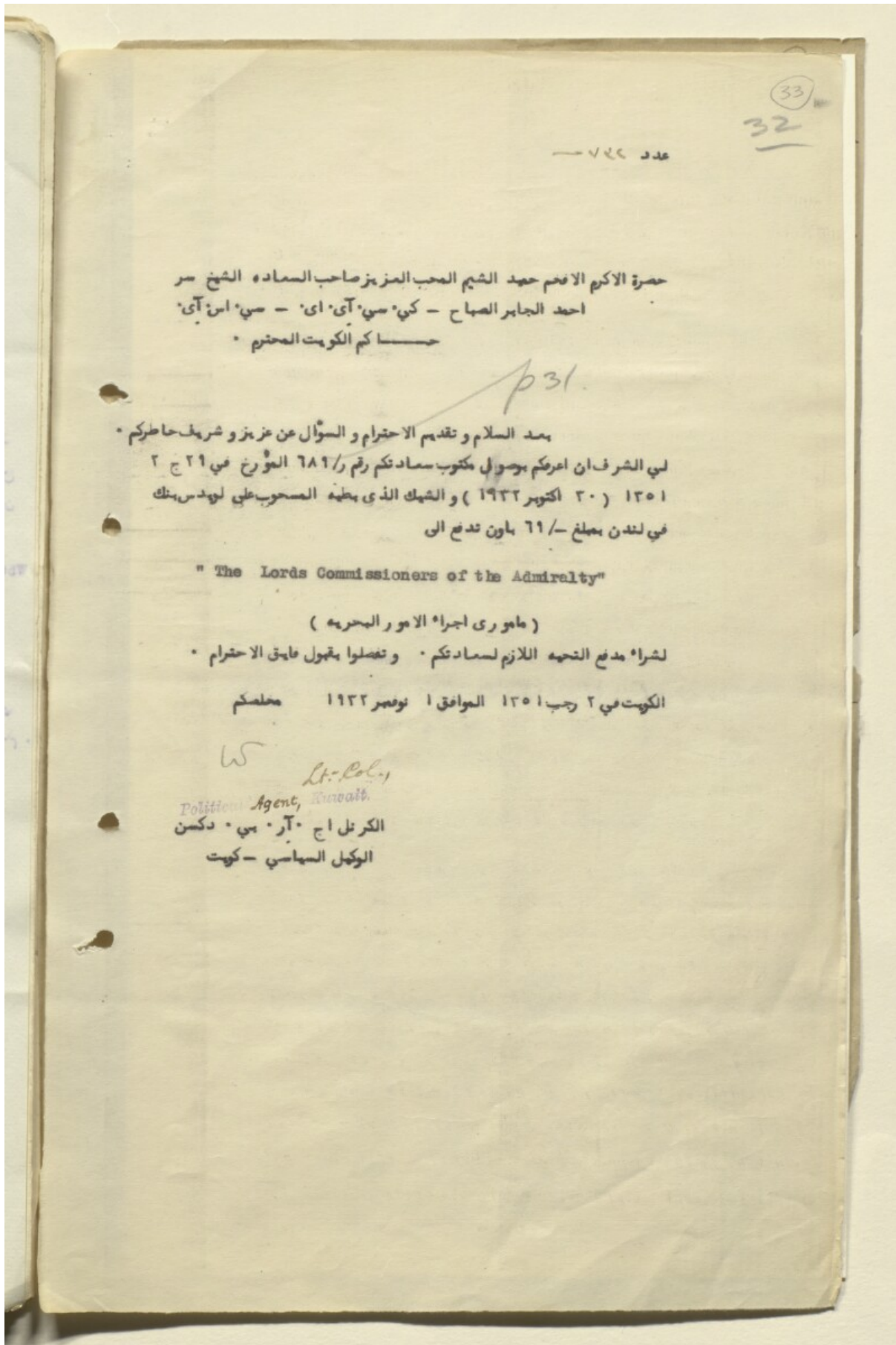
بعد التحية . - اجتنابا للتصديق والفاخير طلب مني الكر نل
قاول ان اقترح انه اصلح للشيخ ان يدفع مقدما جميع المبلغ الذي بعد دةهامة المدفع
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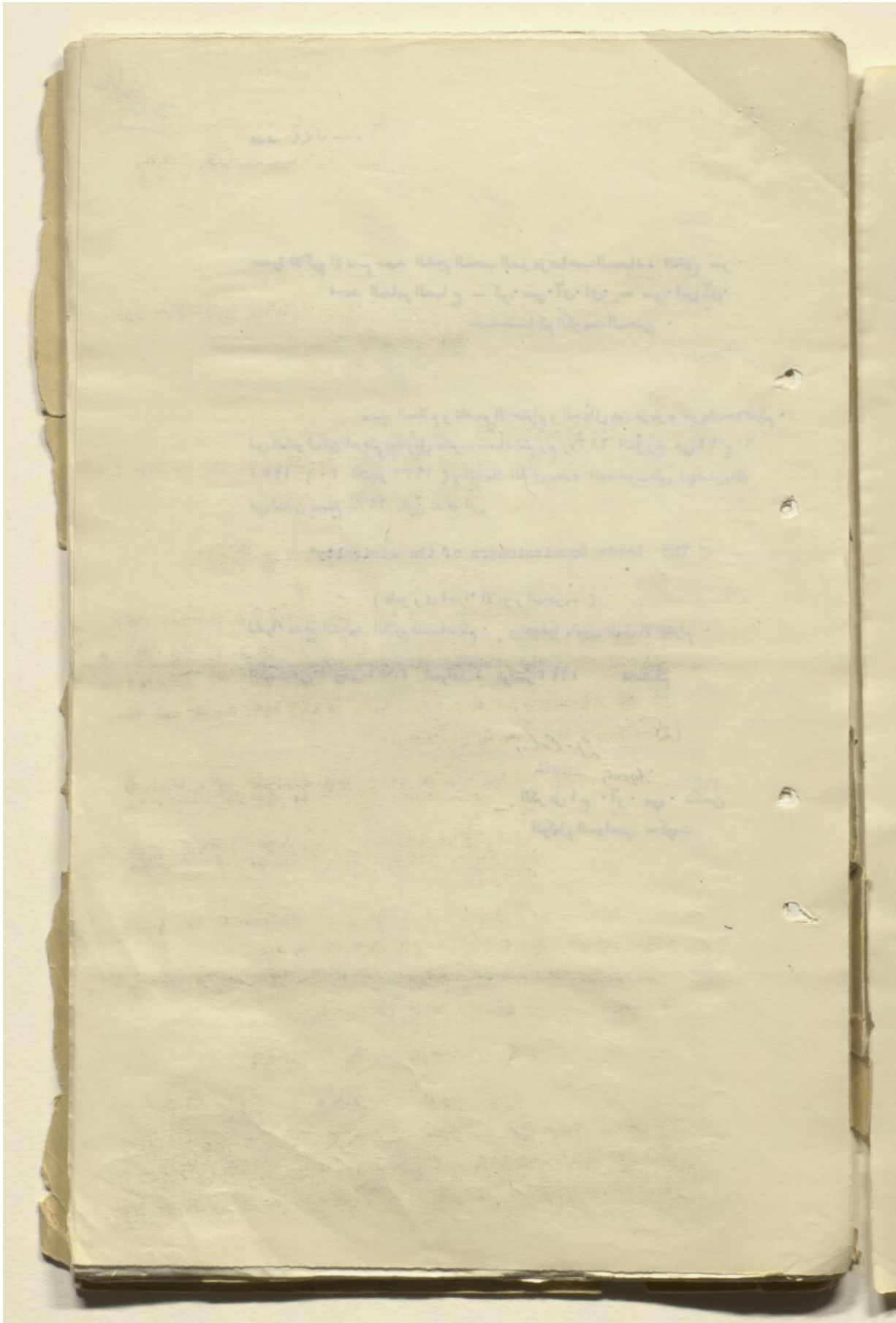
واذا تكن ديوان القيادة البحرية من شحن المدفع في إحدى
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قسم منها بدون شك ، ولكن الامر يكون مؤسفا لو تموق المدفع لمجرد ان ديوان
القيادة البحرية - لكونه لا يستطيع الشحن - لا يرسله بهاخره عاده بدون
نقود مقدما . واسهل طريقته للتحويل هي سحب حواله بالهاون على لندن -
تدفع على الطلب .



RECEIPT
No. **920.**
Date **31-10-32**
POLICE
KUWAIT
FED. GULF.









No.737.

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 2nd November 1932.

From

Lieutenant-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E., Political Agent,
K u w a i t.

To

The Secretary to
The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
B u s h i r e.

Saluting gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait.

Sir,

Reference your D.O.2044 dated 4th October 1932.

I have the honour to forward for the information of the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, English translations of the following letters which have passed between me and His Excellency the Shaikh of Kuwait:

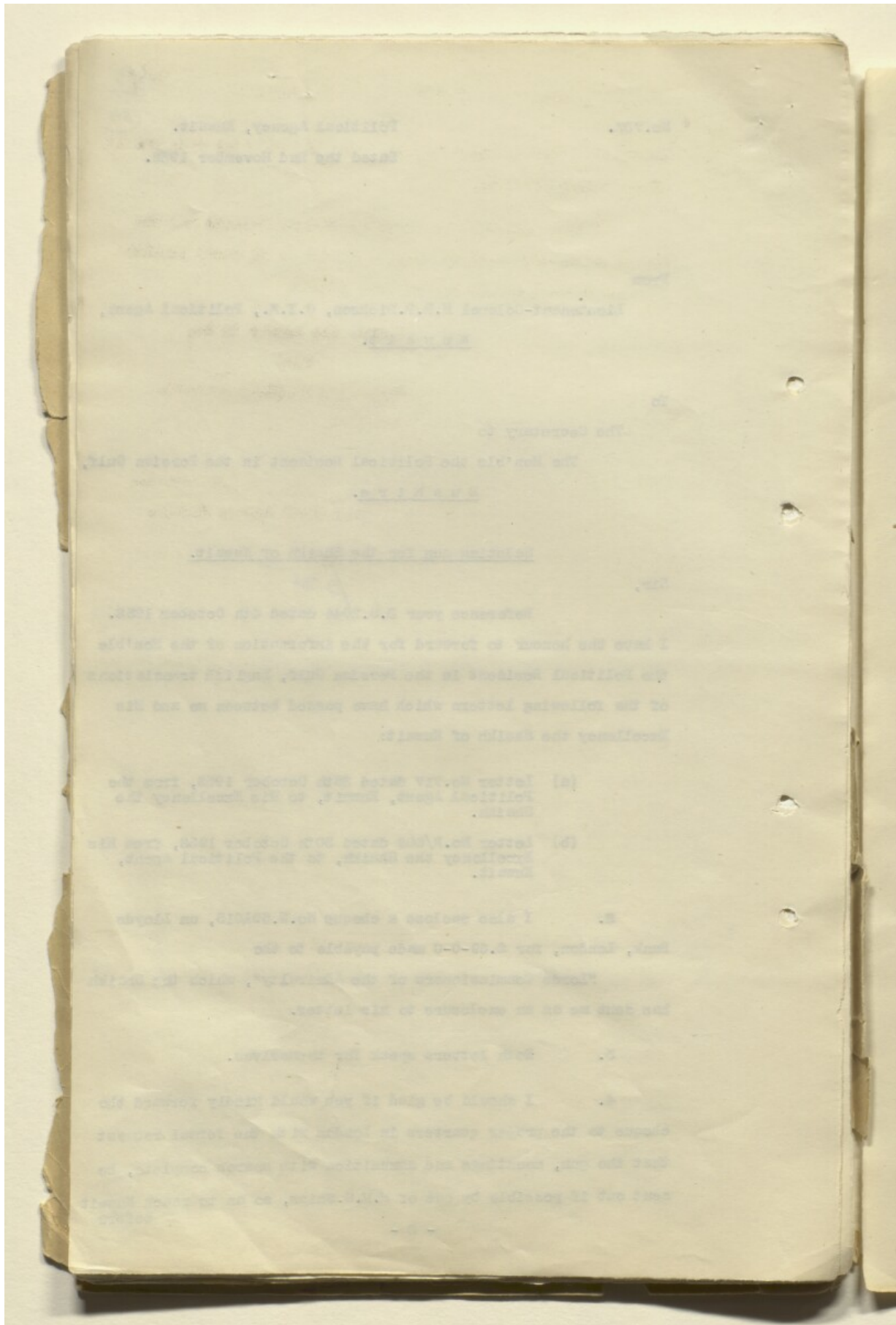
- (a) Letter No.717 dated 25th October 1932, from the Political Agent, Kuwait, to His Excellency the Shaikh.
- (b) Letter No.R/689 dated 30th October 1932, from His Excellency the Shaikh, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

2. I also enclose a cheque No.W.501015, on Lloyds Bank, London, for £.69-0-0 made payable to the "Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty", which the Shaikh has sent me as an enclosure to his letter.

3. Both letters speak for themselves.

4. I should be glad if you would kindly forward the cheque to the proper quarters in London with the formal request that the gun, mountings and ammunition with spares complete, be sent out if possible by one of H.M.S. Ships, so as to reach Kuwait before

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before 31st April 1935 - Failing this it should be sent out by direct cargo steamer.

5. You will no doubt be able to arrange for the refund of £.9-0-0 sent in excess, should it be found possible to send the gun out in one of H.M.S. Ships.

I have the honour to be,

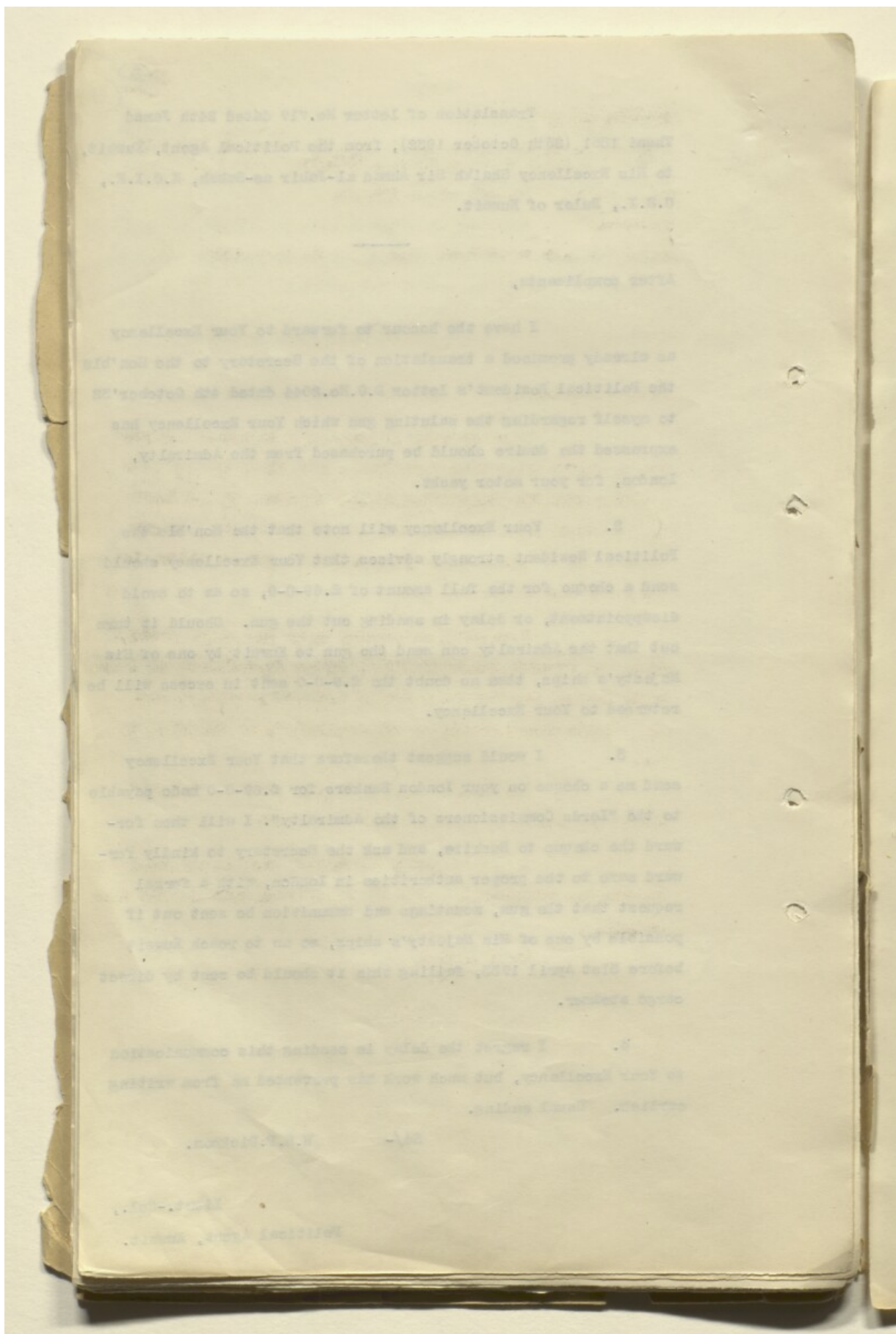
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

br

Lieut.-Col.,

Political Agent, Kuwait.





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Translation of a letter.

From - H. E. Shaikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Sabah, K.C.I.E.,
C.S.I., Ruler of Kuwait, Kuwait.

To - The Political Agent, Kuwait.

No.R/689.

Dated the 29th Jamad Thani 1351 (30th October 1932).

After compliments,

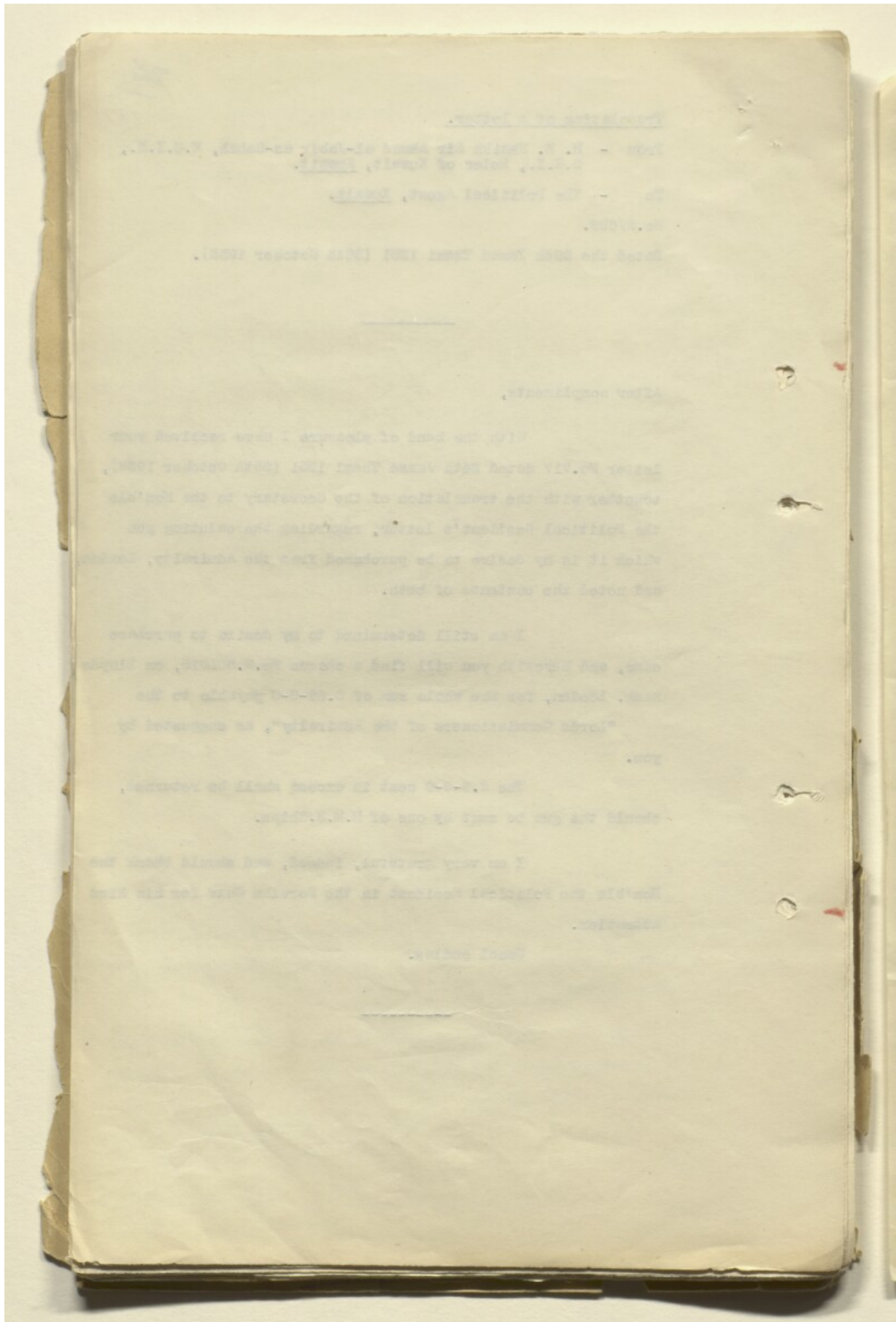
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I am still determined to my desire to purchase same, and herewith you will find a cheque No.W.50L015, on Lloyds Bank. London, for the whole sum of £.69-0-0 payable to the "Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty", as suggested by you.

The £.9-0-0 sent in excess shall be returned, should the gun be sent by one of H.M.S.Ships.

I am very grateful, indeed, and should thank the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf for his kind attention.

Usual ending.





16.11. No. 2335

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POLITICAL AGENCY KUWAIT
RECEIPT
No. 865
Date 16/11/32
PERSIAN GULF

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,
Kuwait,

and is directed to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents.

British Residency
and Consulate-General,
BUSHIRE.

Dated 12/11 November

Reference to previous correspondence:
p33 Kuwait letter No. 737, dated the 2nd November 1932.

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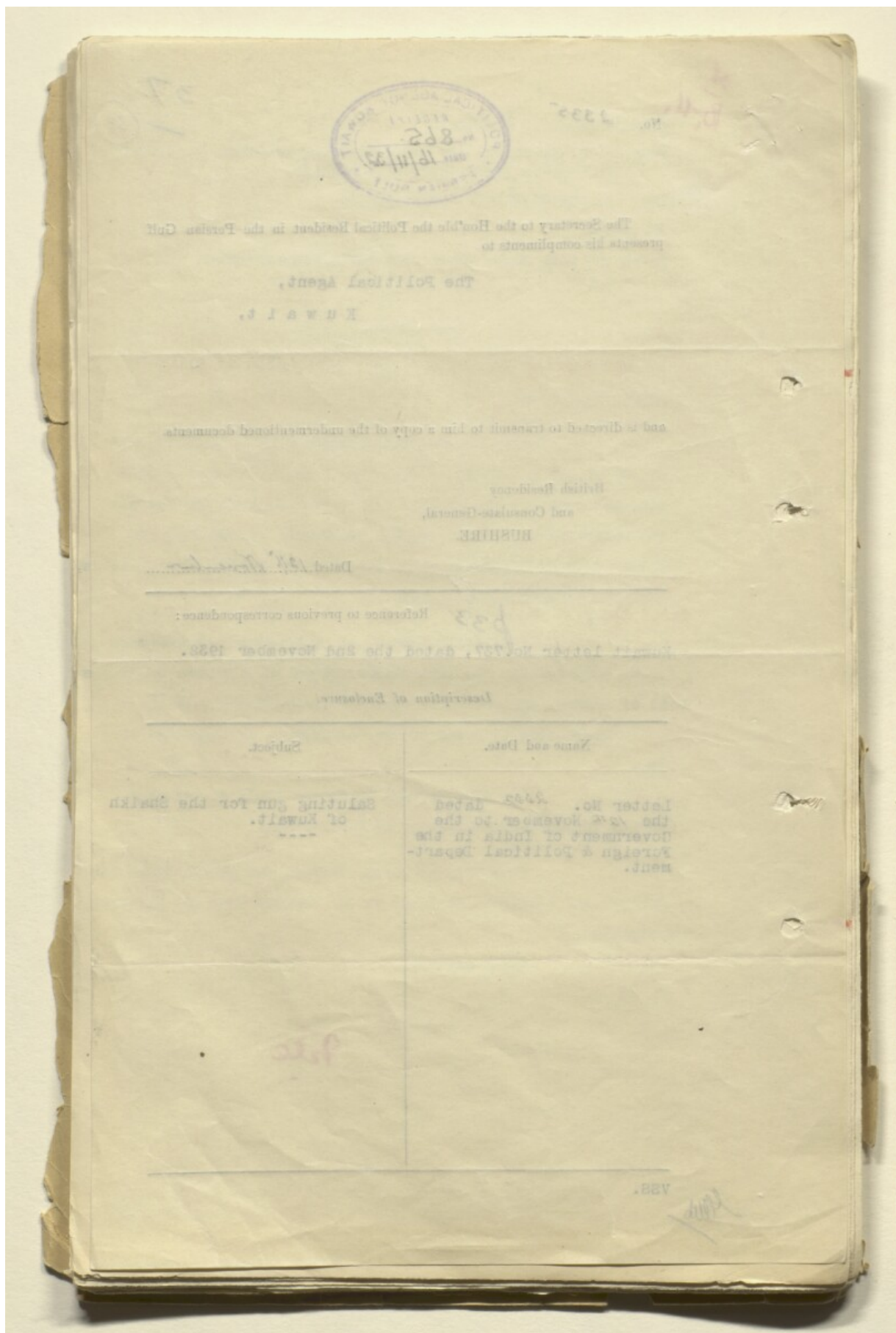
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Letter No. 2332 dated the 12th November to the Government of India in the Foreign & Political Department.	Saluting gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait. ----

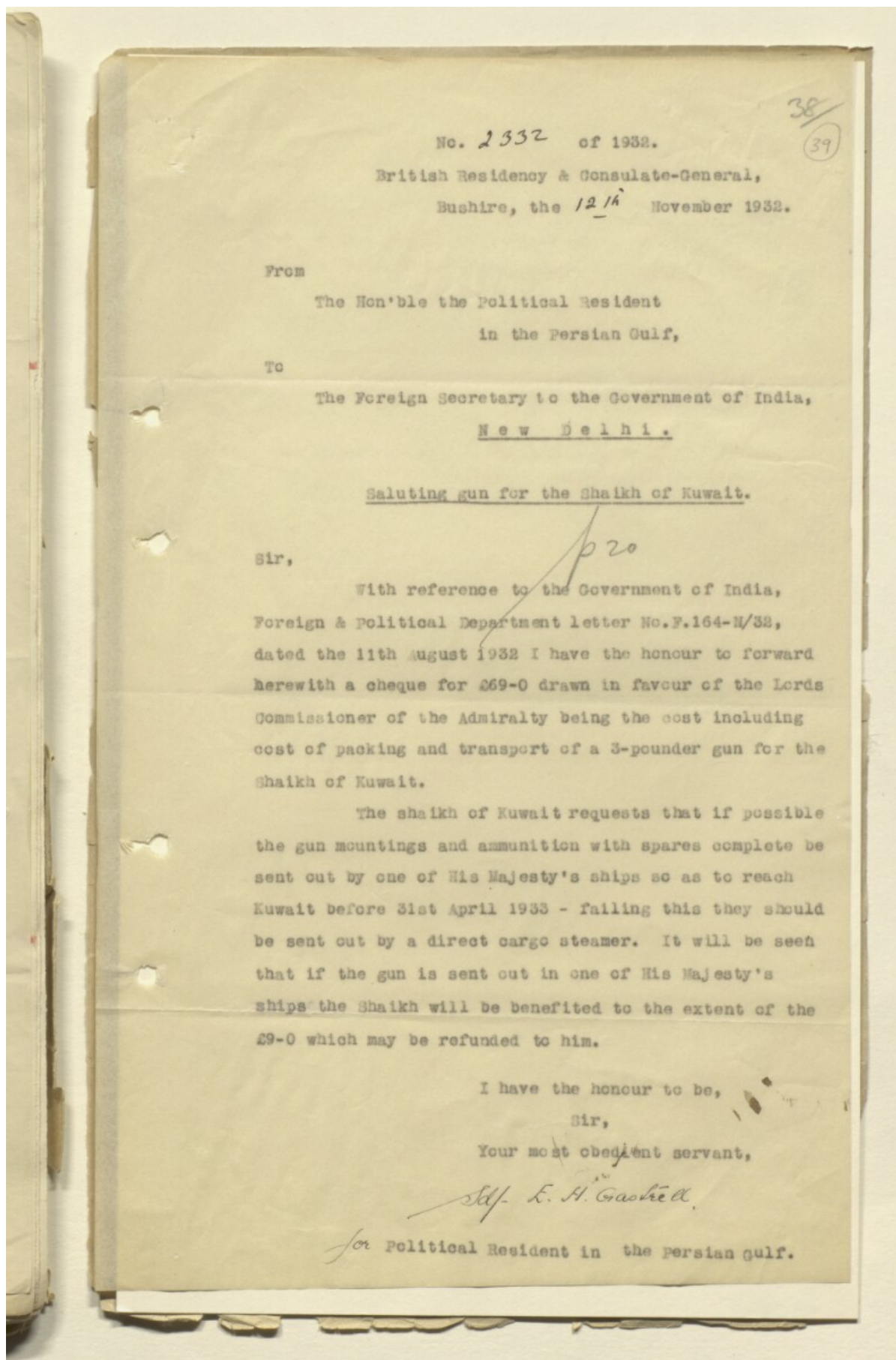
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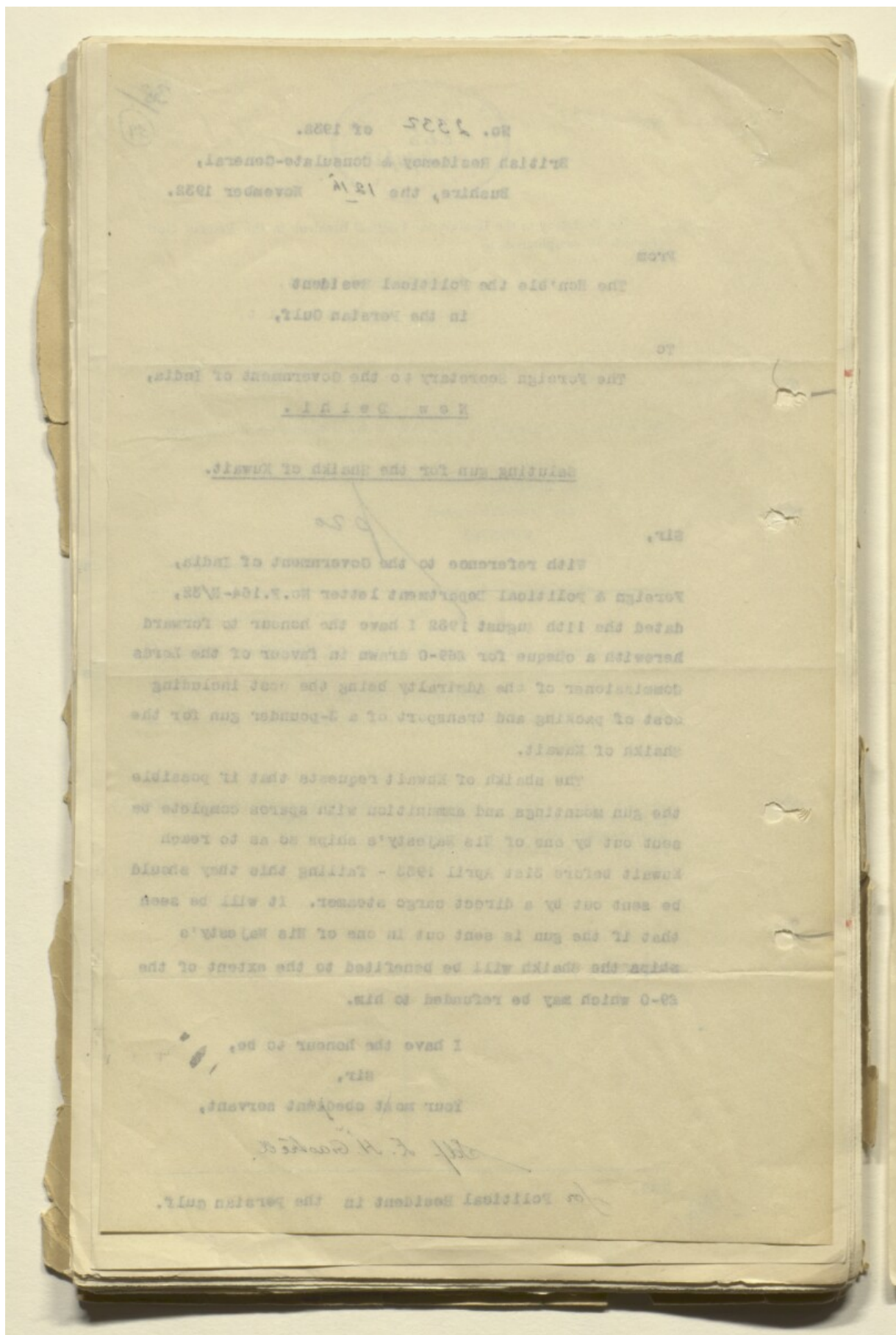
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No. 2594

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Date 14.12.32
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The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
presents his compliments to

the Political Agent, Kuwait,

and is directed to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents.

British Residency
and Consulate-General,
BUSHIRE.

Dated 10th December 1932.

Reference to previous correspondence:
This office printed letter No. 2335 dated the 12th November 1932.

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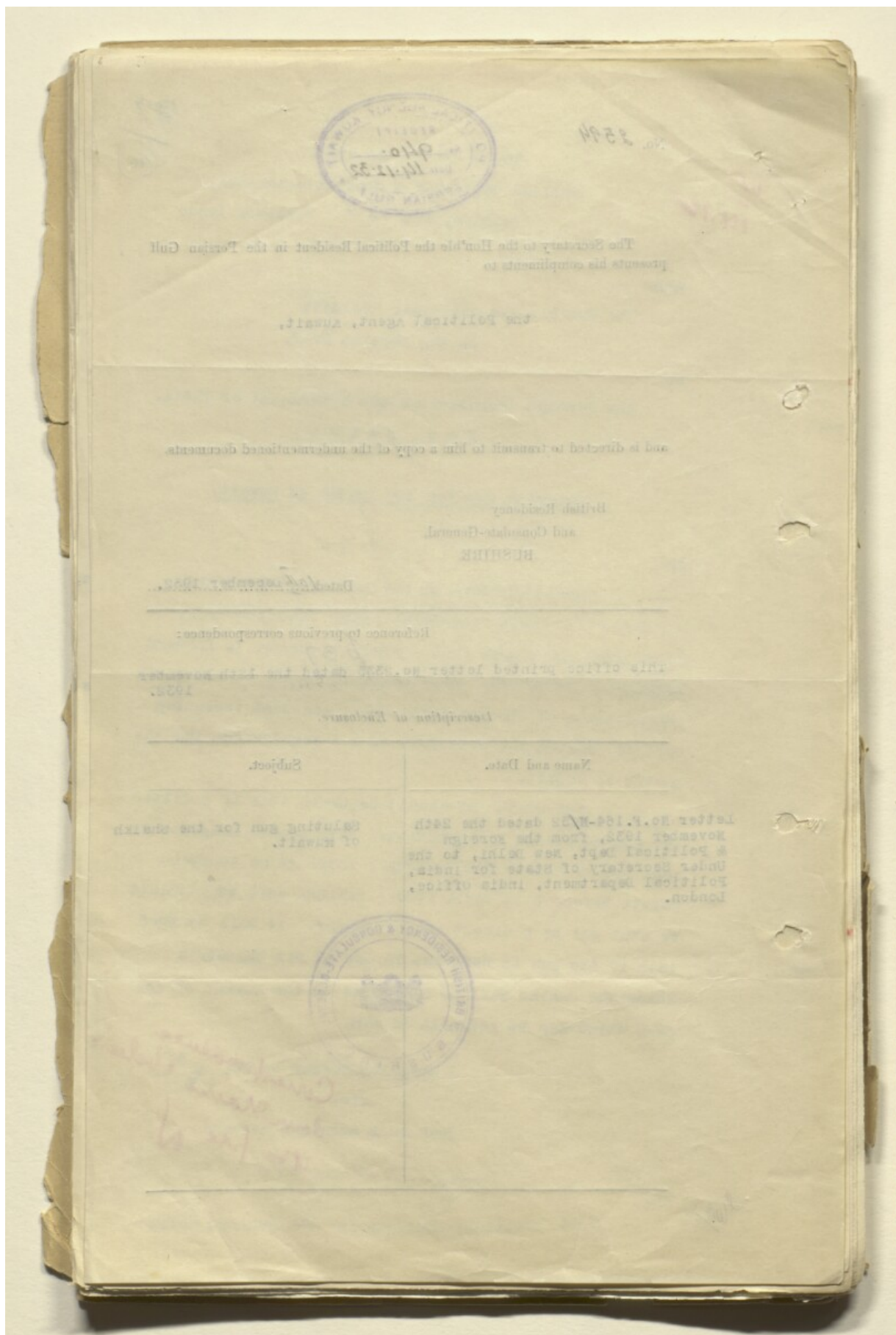
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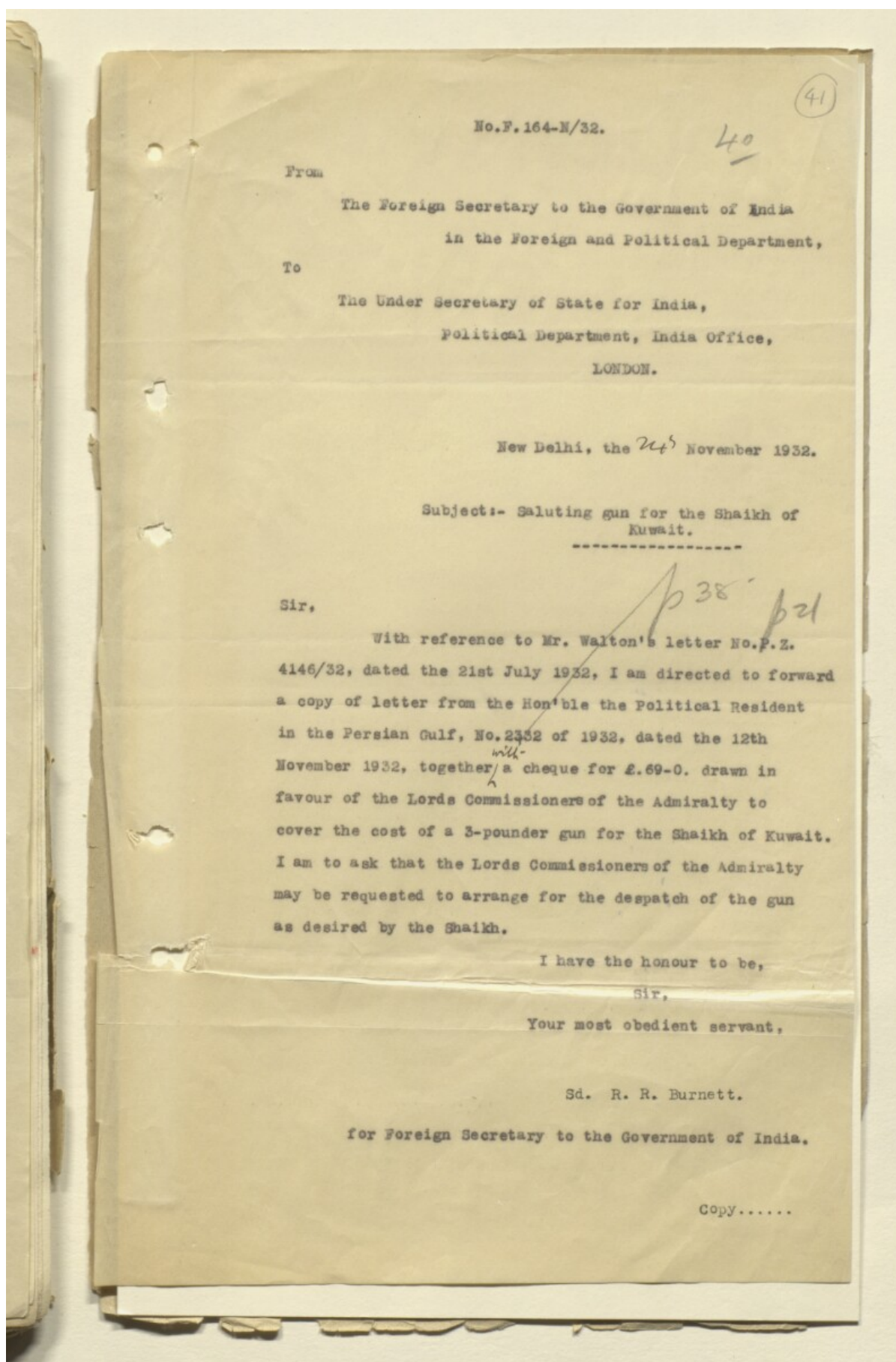
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BUSHIRE

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'File 4/38 Supply of Saluting Gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait' [39v]
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No.F.164-M/32.

From

The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Political Department, India Office,
LONDON.

New Delhi, the 24th November 1932.

Subject:- Saluting gun for the Shaikh of
Kuwait.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Walton's letter No.P.Z.
4146/32, dated the 21st July 1932, I am directed to forward
a copy of letter from the Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, No.2332 of 1932, dated the 12th
November 1932, together ^{with} a cheque for £.69-0. drawn in
favour of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to
cover the cost of a 3-pounder gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait.
I am to ask that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
may be requested to arrange for the despatch of the gun
as desired by the Shaikh.

I have the honour to be,

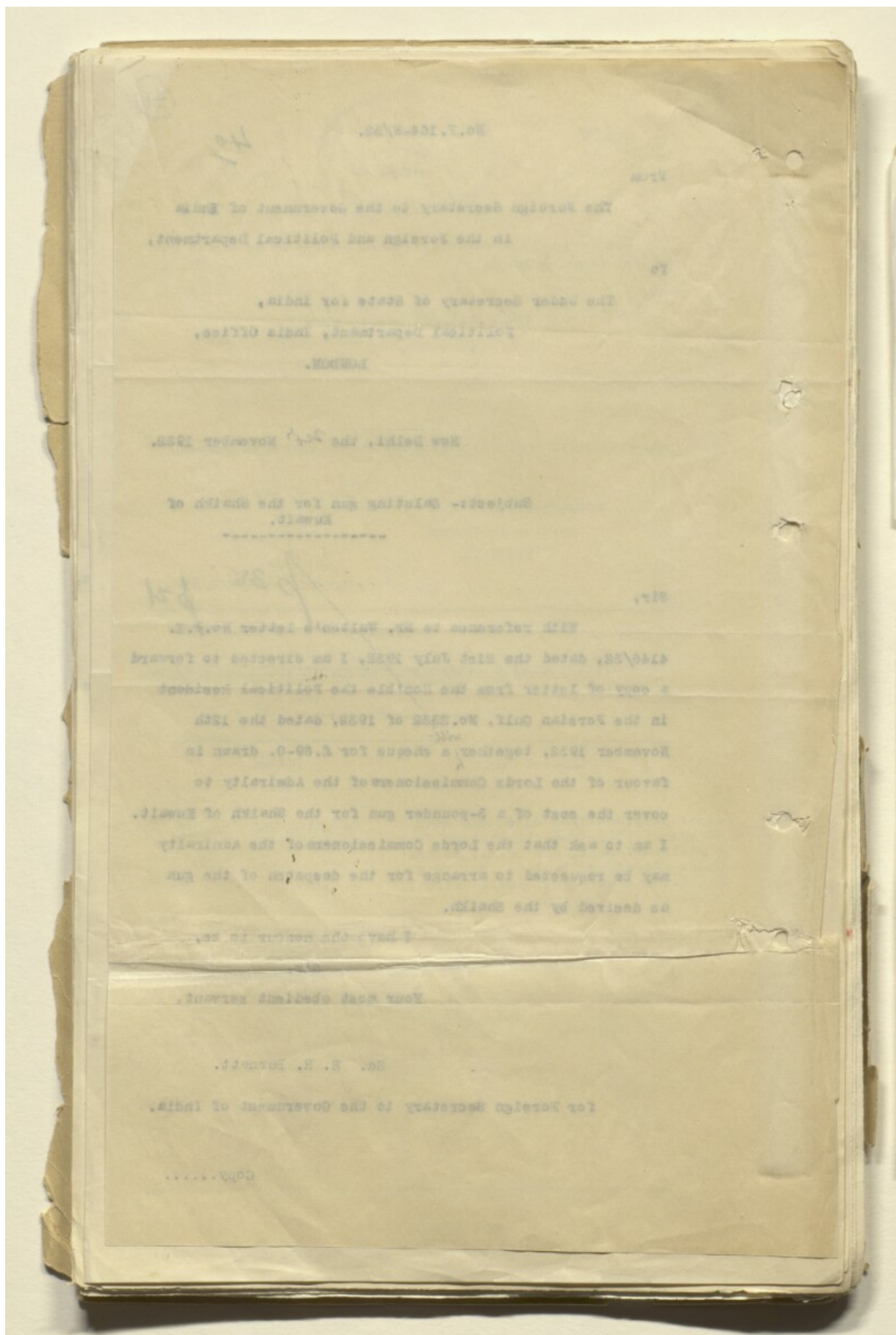
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. R. R. Burnett.

for Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No.R/9.

The Political Agency, ^{Δ1}

Kuwait. ⁴²

Dated the 21st April, 1948

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To.

The Secretary to ~~the~~
His Excellency the Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf, Bahrain.

Subject:- Saluting Guns for His Highness.

MEMORANDUM:

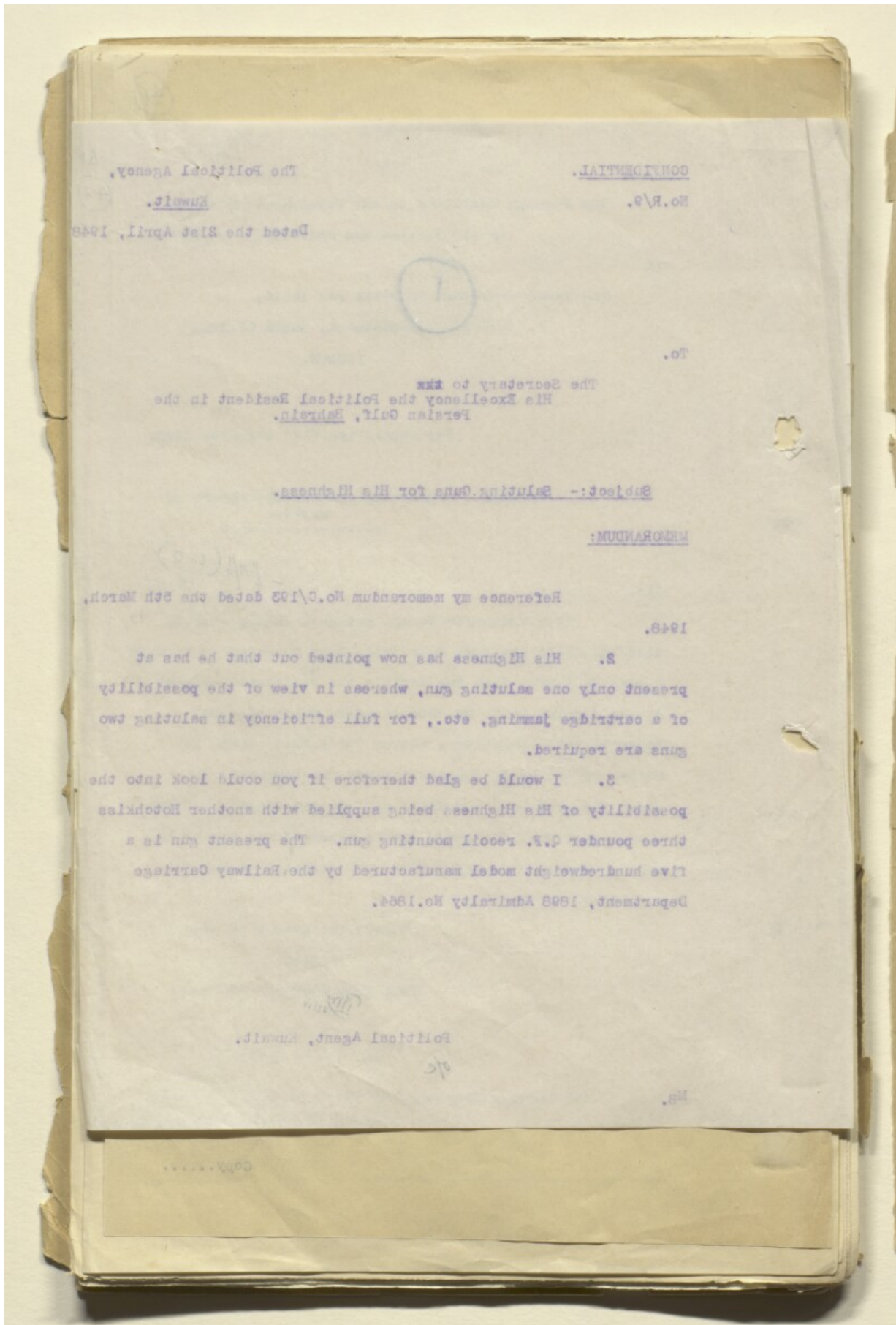
Reference my memorandum No.C/193 dated the 5th March,
1948.

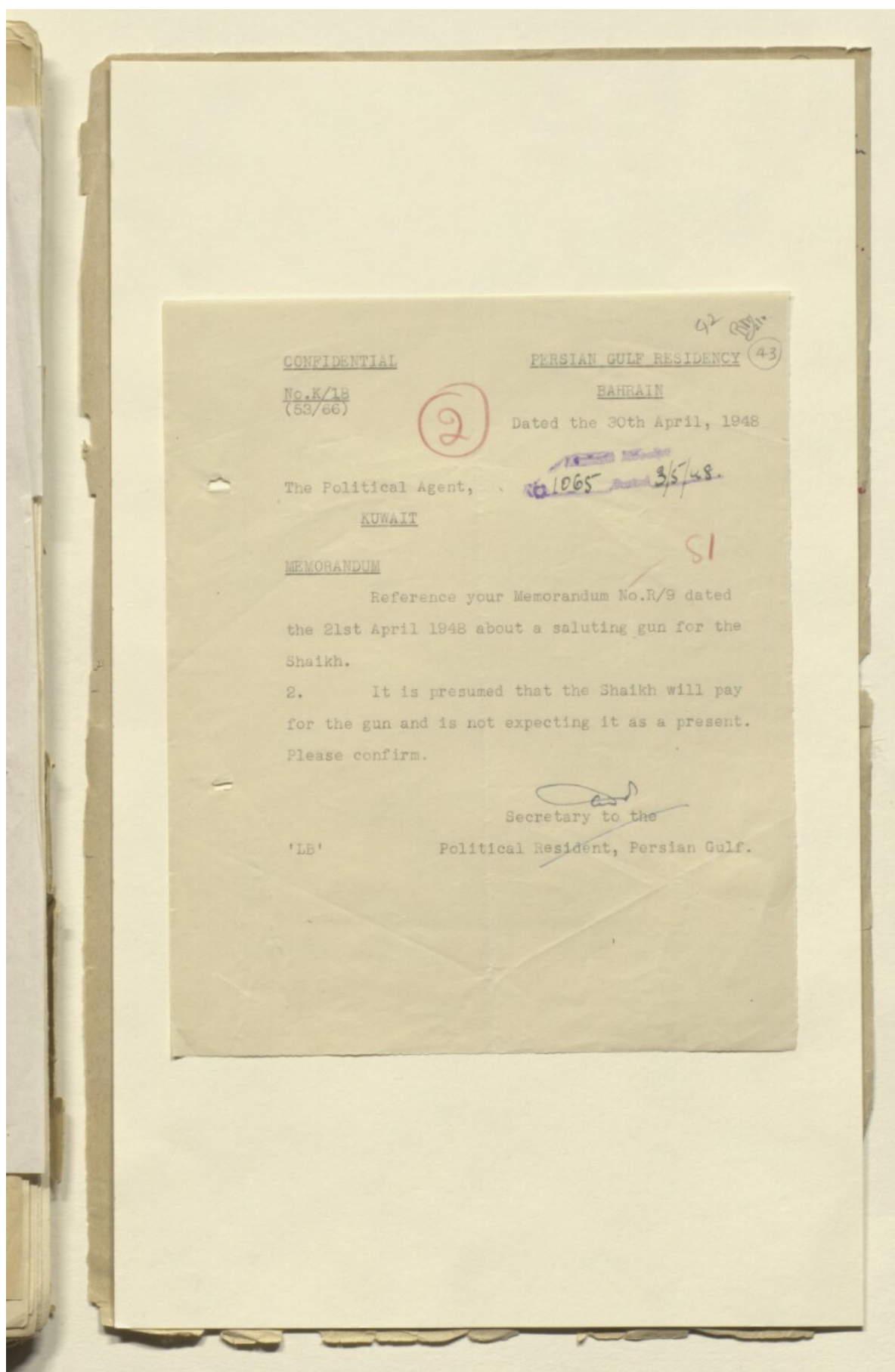
2. His Highness has now pointed out that he has at present only one saluting gun, whereas in view of the possibility of a cartridge jamming, etc., for full efficiency in saluting two guns are required.

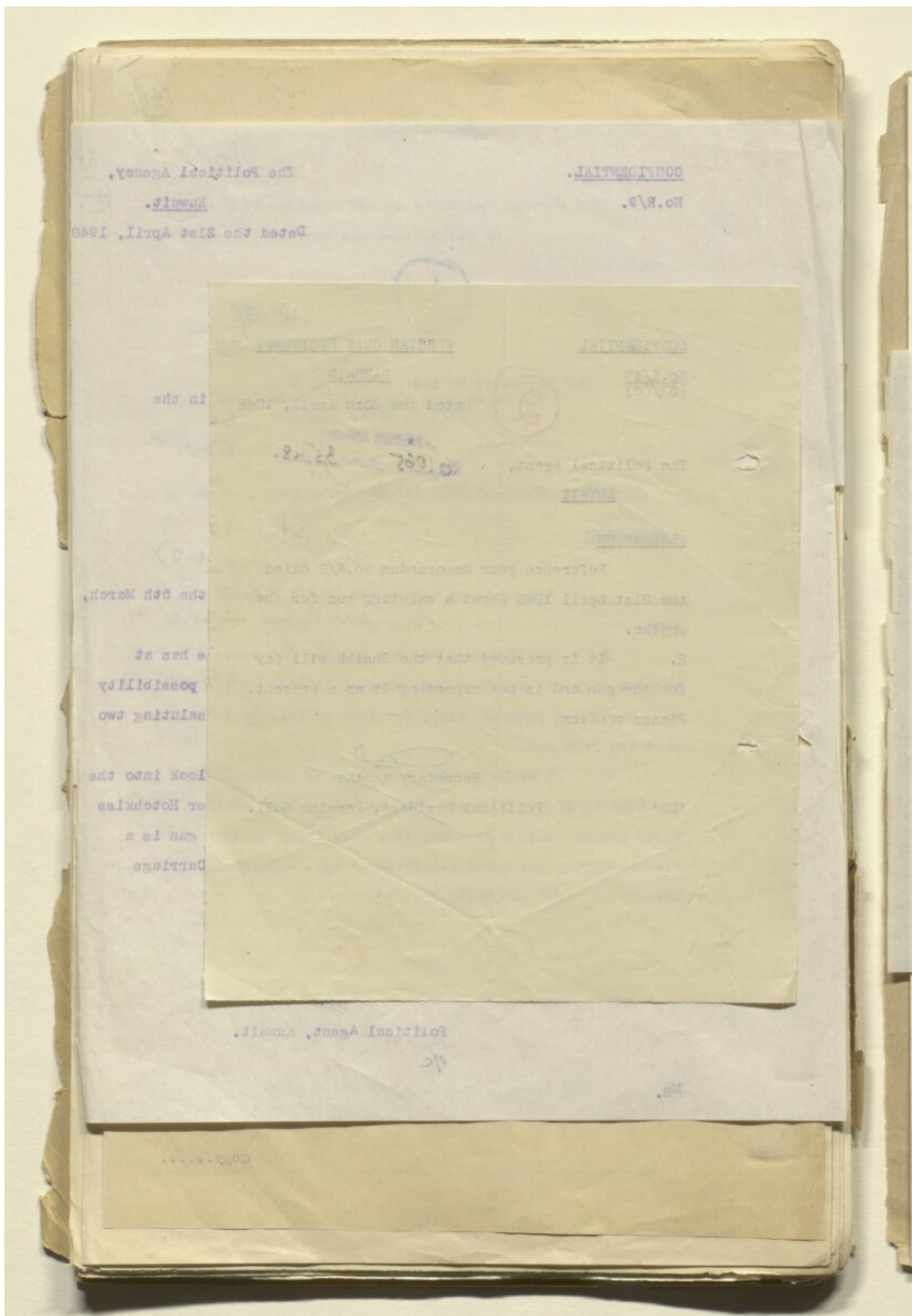
3. I would be glad therefore if you could look into the possibility of His Highness being supplied with another Hotchkiss three pounder Q.F. recoil mounting gun. The present gun is a five hundredweight model manufactured by the Railway Carriage Department, 1898 Admiralty No.1864.

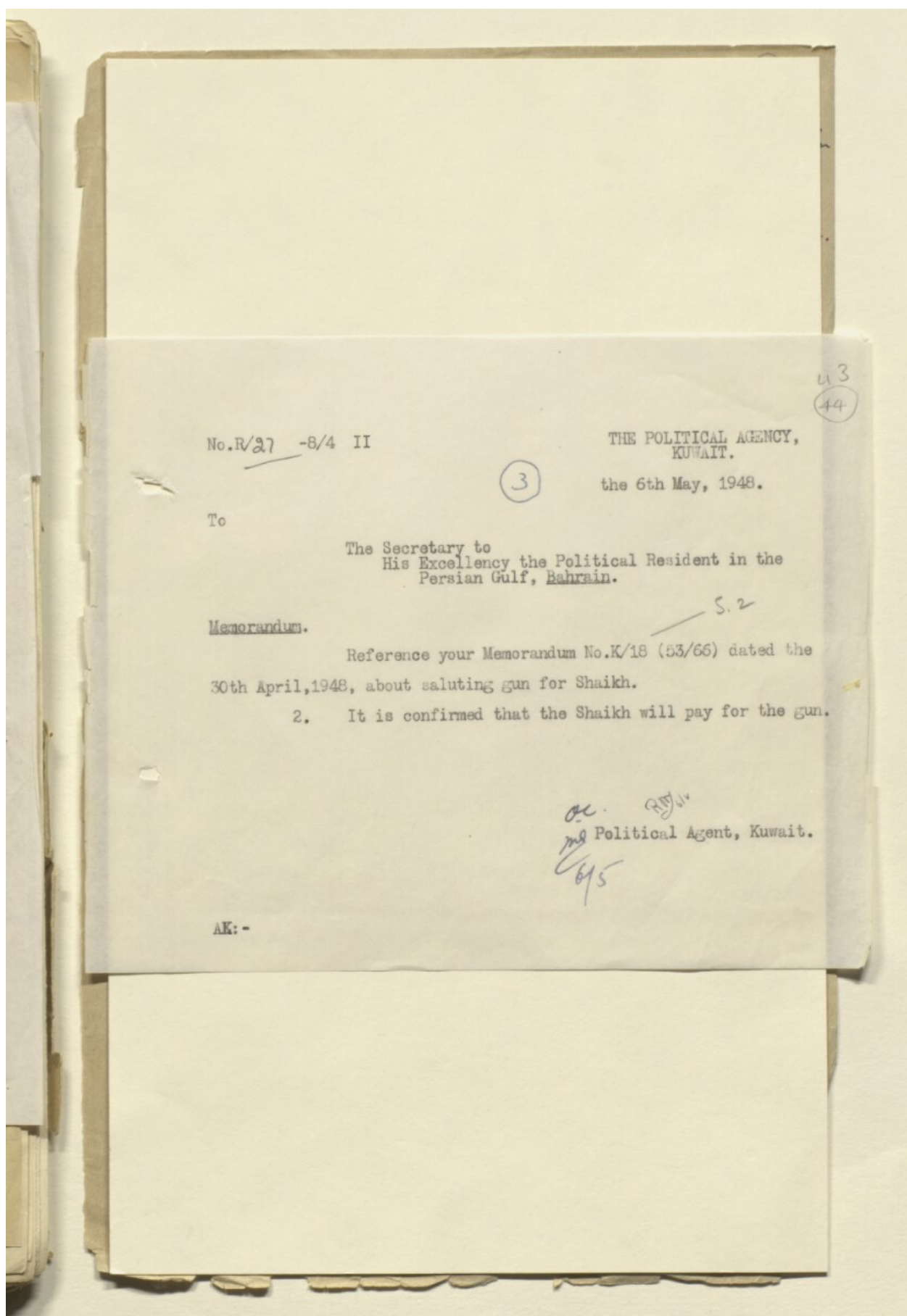
Political Agent, Kuwait.
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No.R/27 -8/4 II

THE POLITICAL AGENCY,
KUWAIT.

the 6th May, 1948.

To

The Secretary to
His Excellency the Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf, Bahrain.

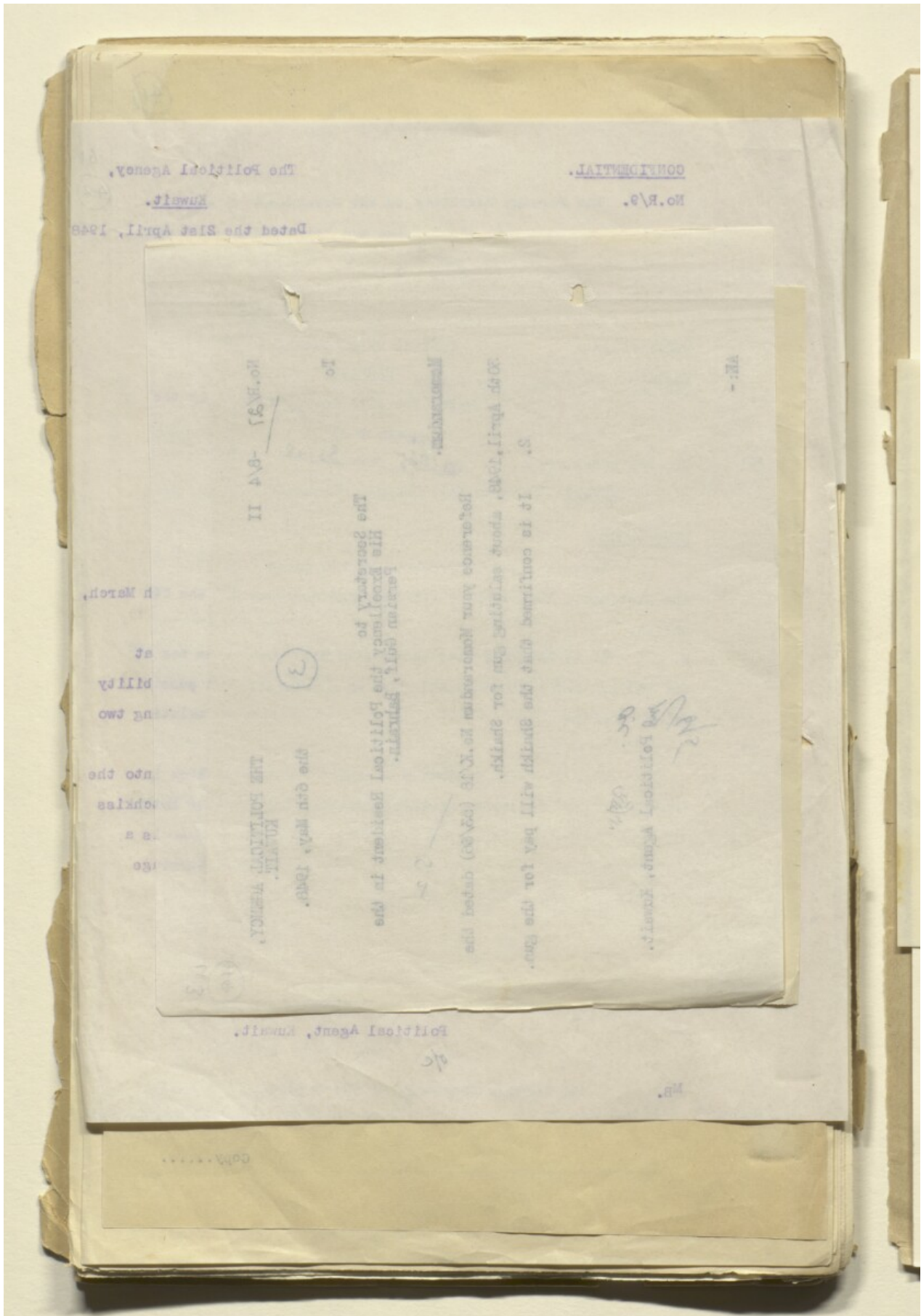
Memorandum.

Reference your Memorandum No.K/18 (53/66) dated the
30th April, 1948, about saluting gun for Shaikh.

2. It is confirmed that the Shaikh will pay for the gun.

ac. R. J. J.
Political Agent, Kuwait.
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Telegram G.T.C.
From Political, Kuwait.
To Prodrome, Bahrain.
No.R/66
dated 7th October, 1948.

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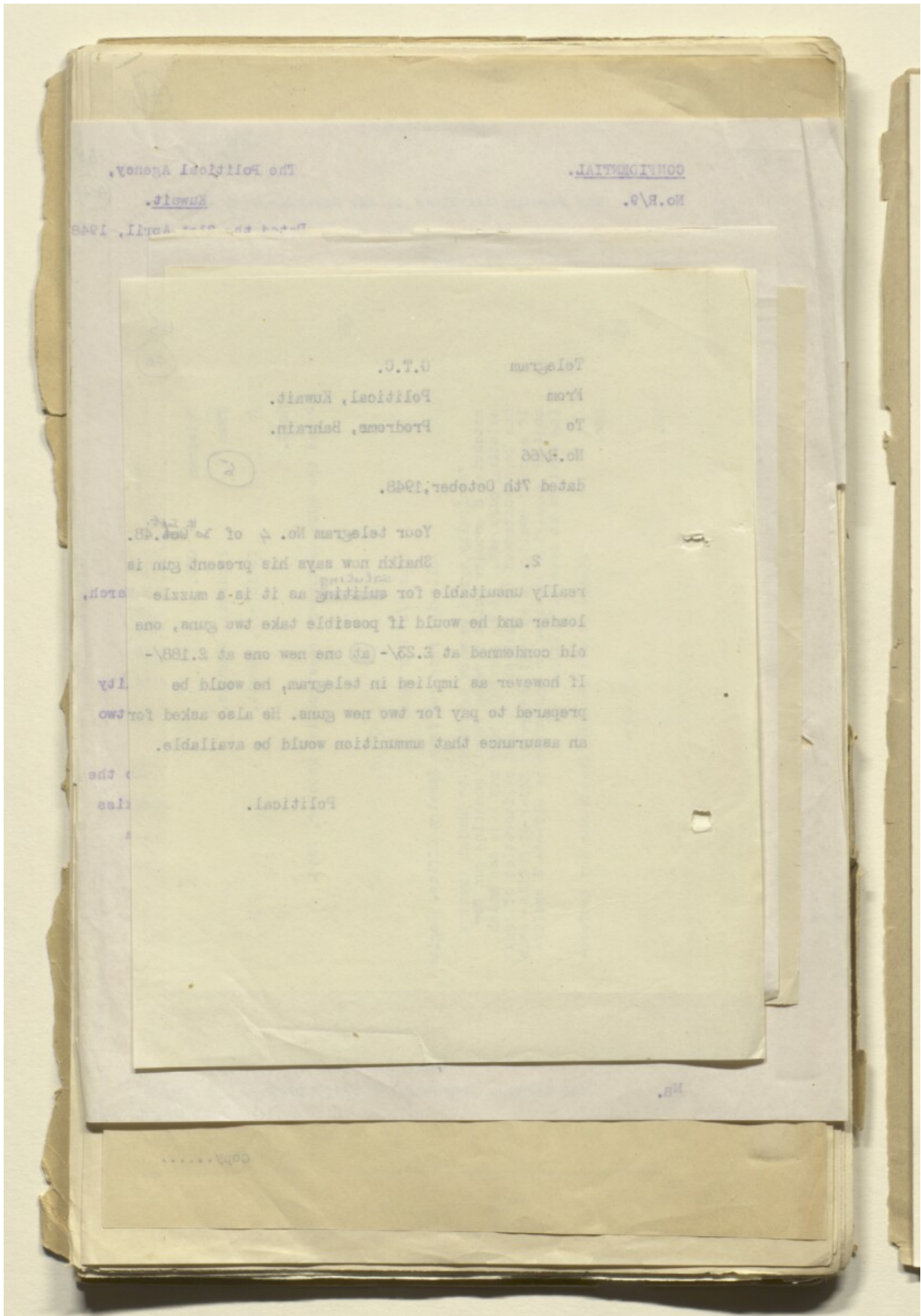
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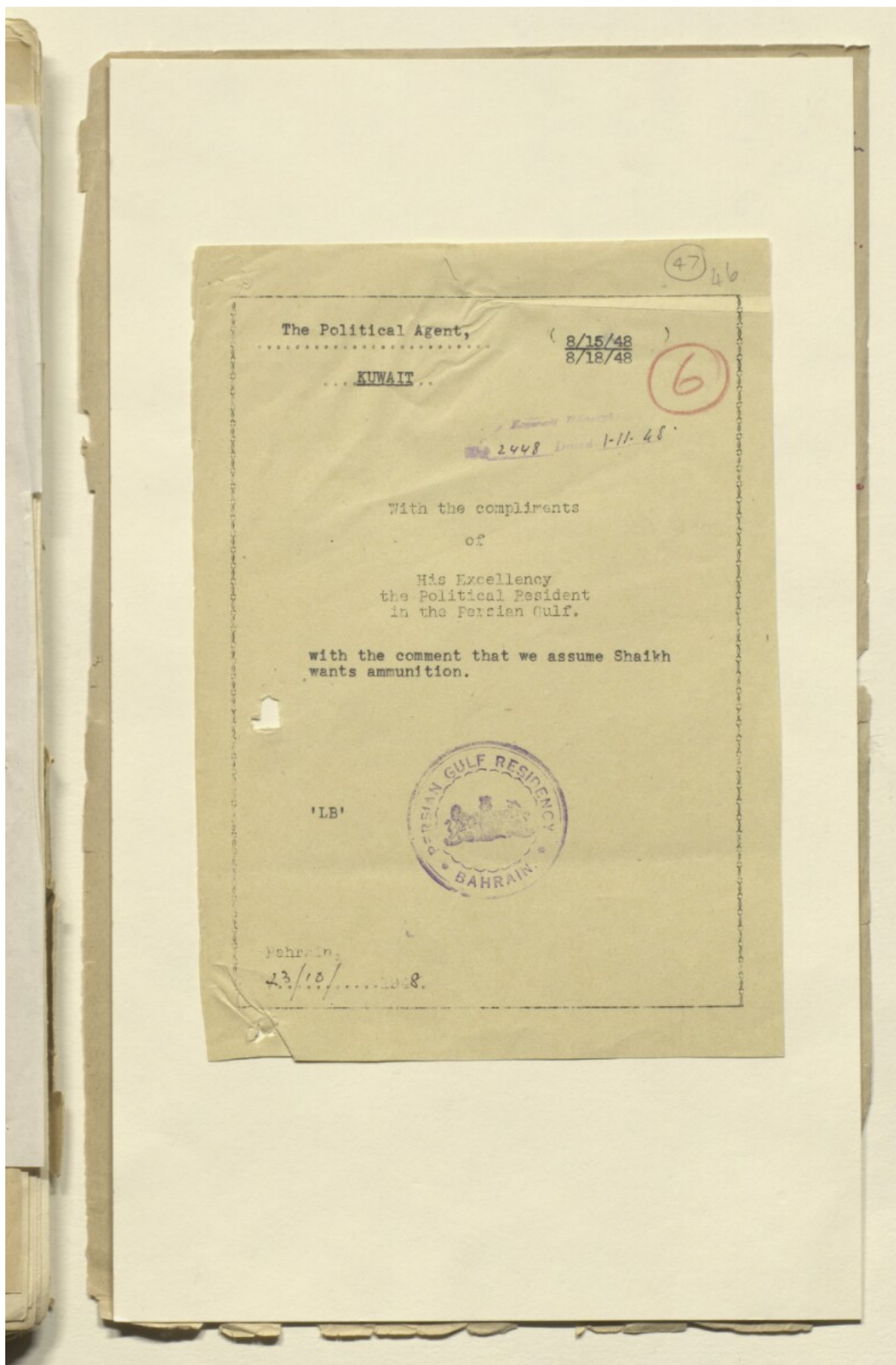
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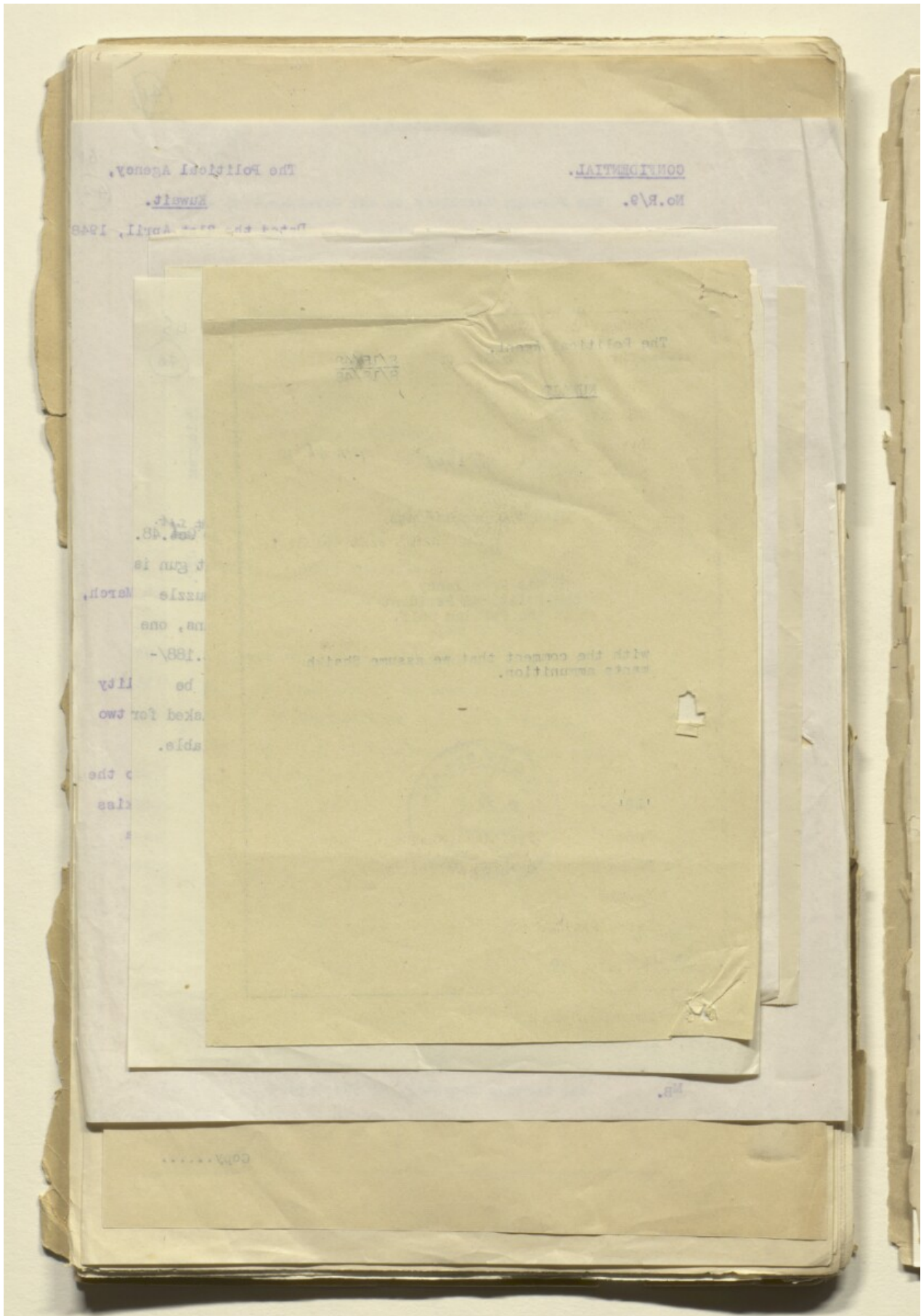
Your telegram No. 4 of 30th Sept. 48.

2. Shaikh now says his present gun is really unsuitable for ^{saluting} ~~saluting~~ as it is a muzzle loader and he would if possible take two guns, one old condemned at £.23/- (at) one new one at £.188/- If however as implied in telegram, he would be prepared to pay for two new guns. He also asked for an assurance that ammunition would be available.

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Telegram Code.
From Foreign Office, London.
To Political Resident, Bahrain.
No.236
Dated 16th and received 18th October 1948.
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Your telegram 202.
Does the Shaikh want ammunition also if so
how much.

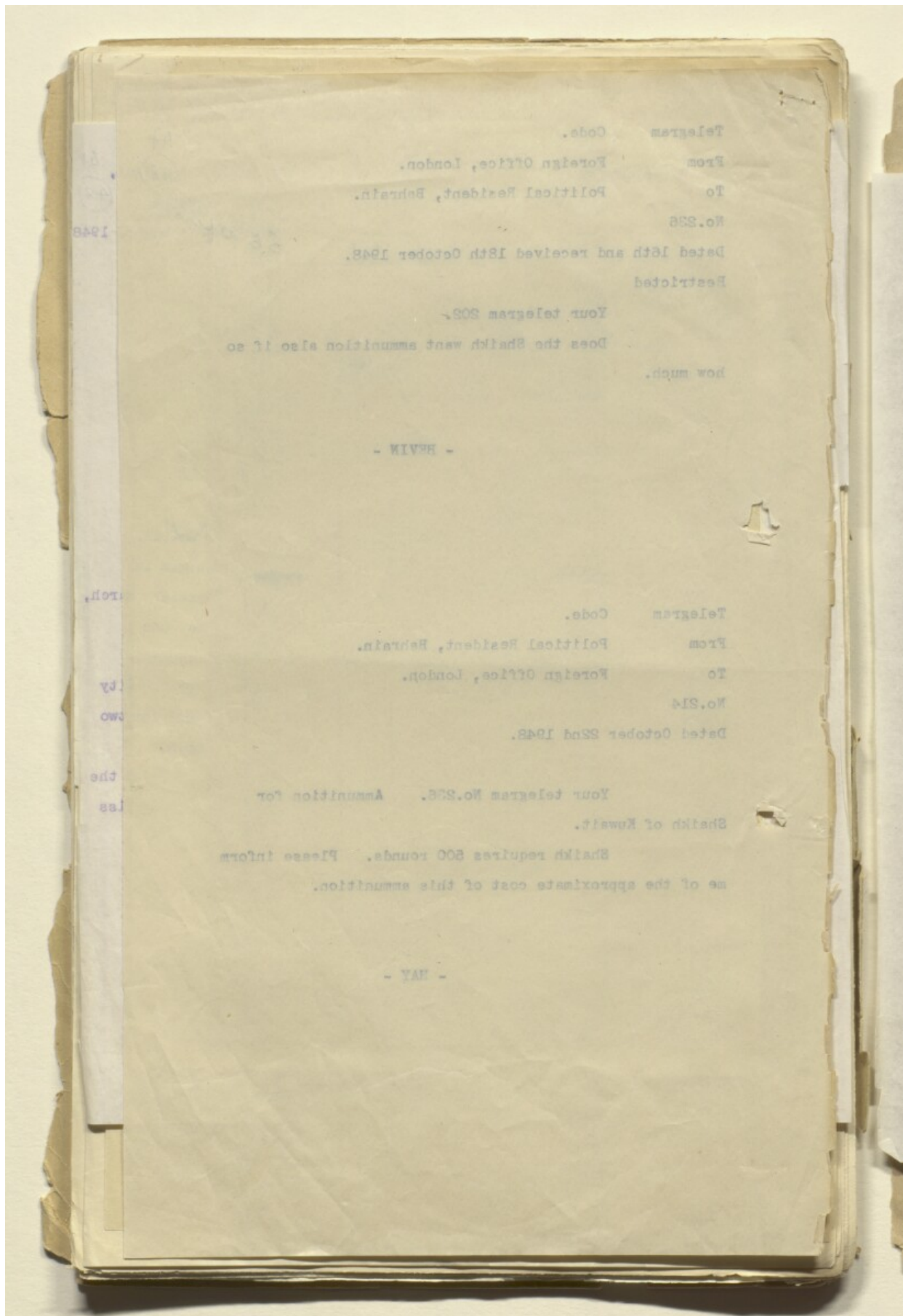
- BEVIN -

Telegram Code.
From Political Resident, Bahrain.
To Foreign Office, London.
No.214
Dated October 22nd 1948.

Your telegram No.236. Ammunition for
Shaikh of Kuwait.

Shaikh requires 500 rounds. Please inform
me of the approximate cost of this ammunition.

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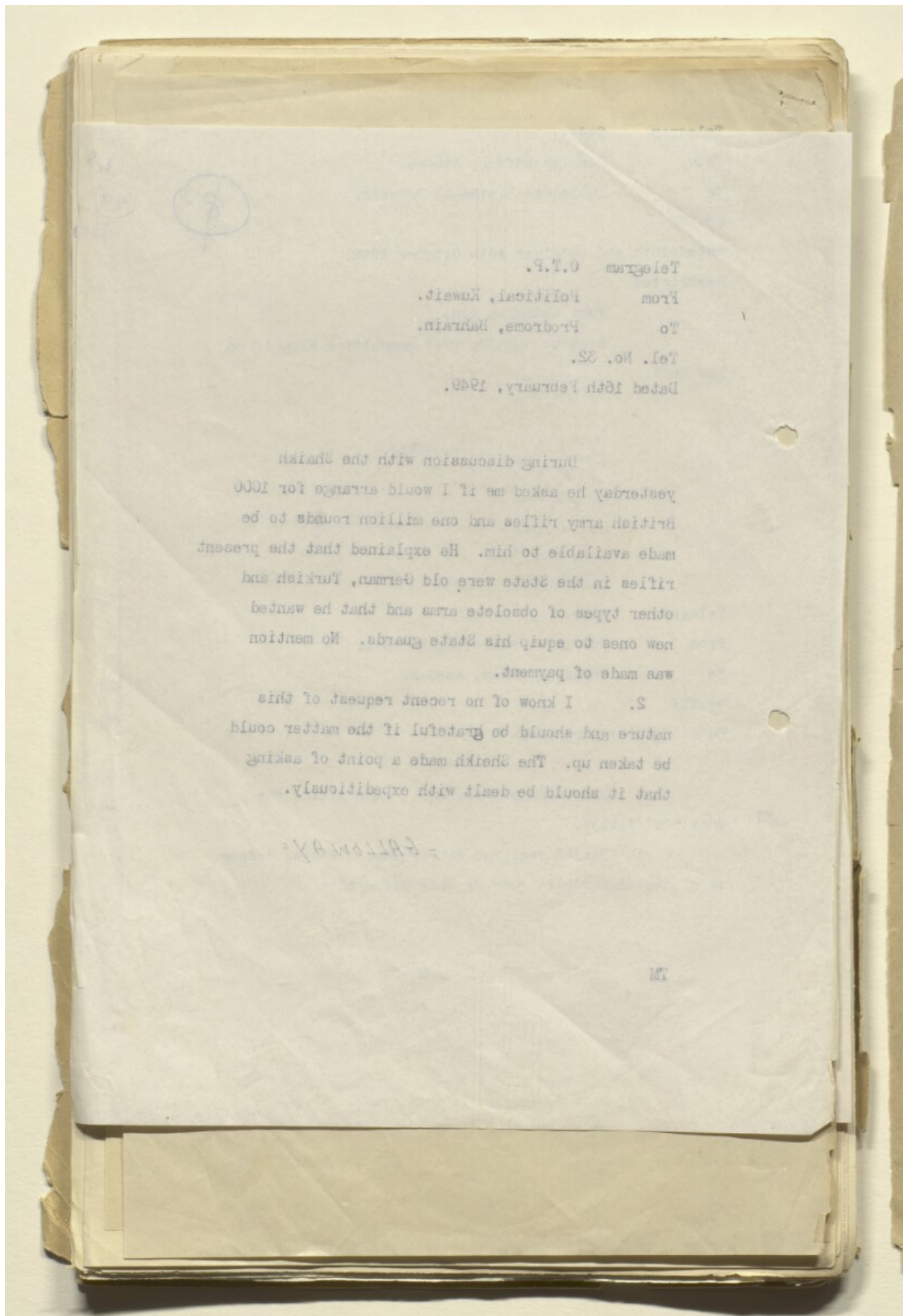
Telegram O.T.P.
From Political, Kuwait.
To Prodrome, Bahrain.
Tel. No. 32.
Dated 16th February, 1949.

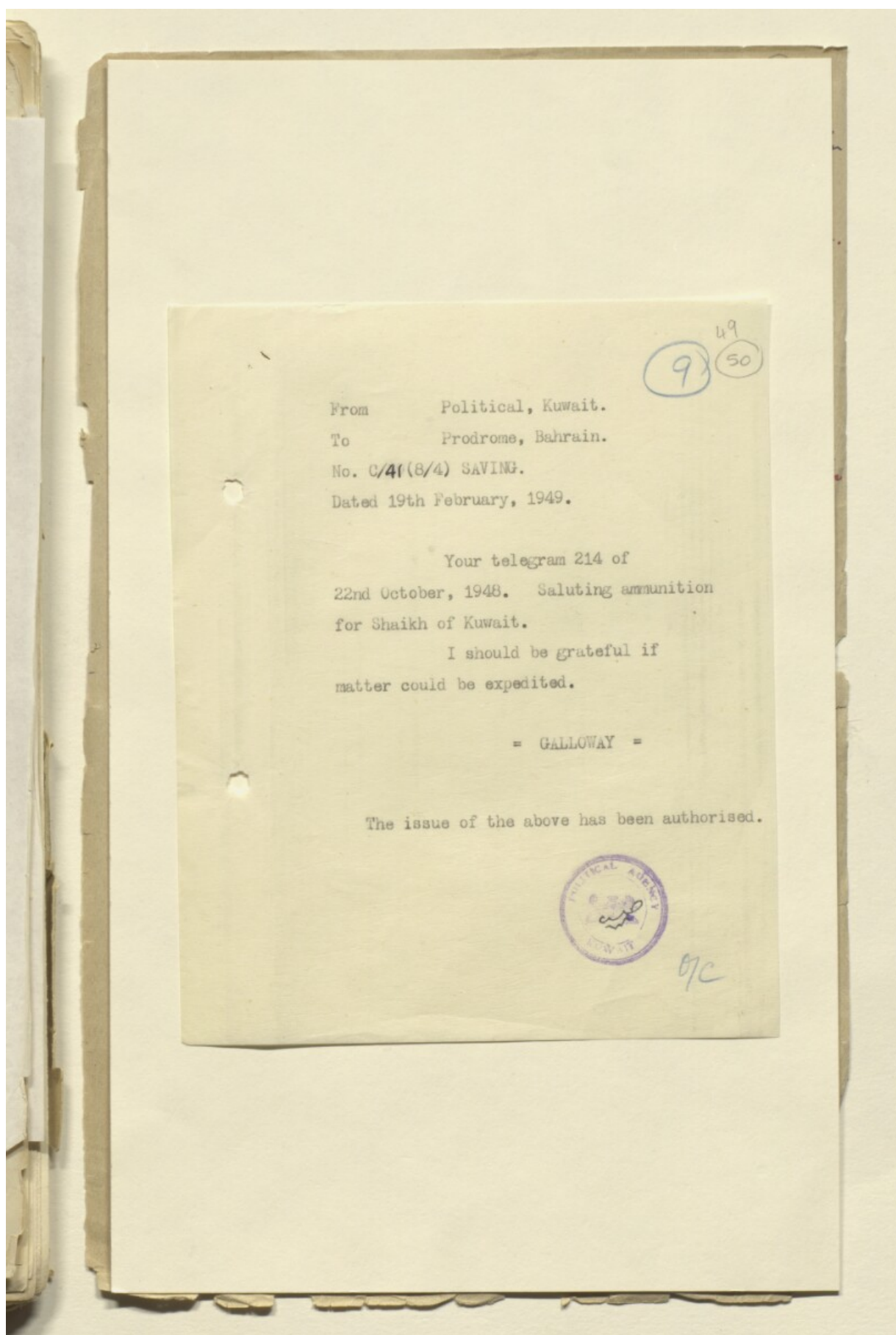
During discussion with the Shaikh yesterday he asked me if I would arrange for 1000 British army rifles and one million rounds to be made available to him. He explained that the present rifles in the State were old German, Turkish and other types of obsolete arms and that he wanted new ones to equip his State guards. No mention was made of payment.

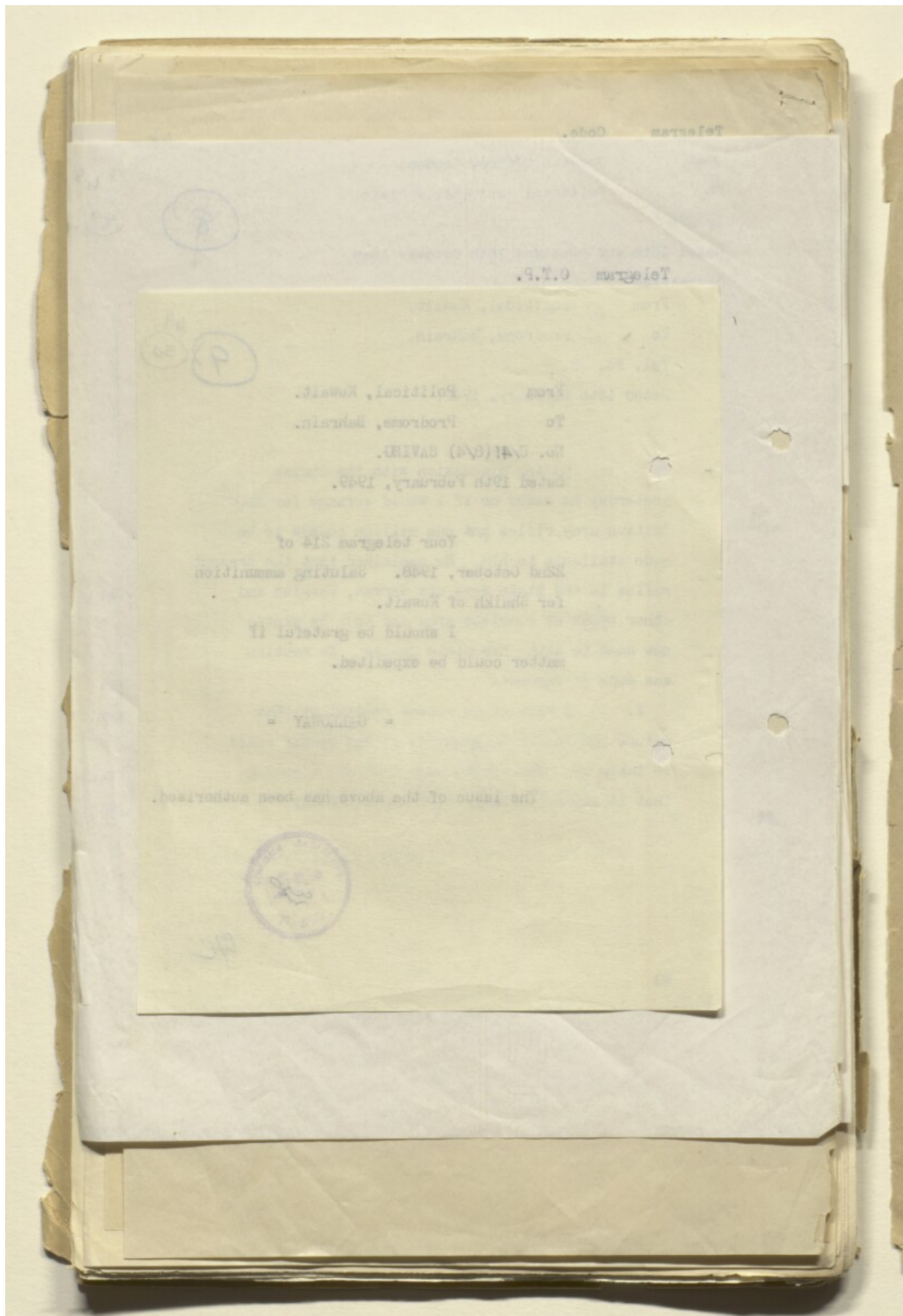
2. I know of no recent request of this nature and should be grateful if the matter could be taken up. The Sheikh made a point of asking that it should be dealt with expeditiously.

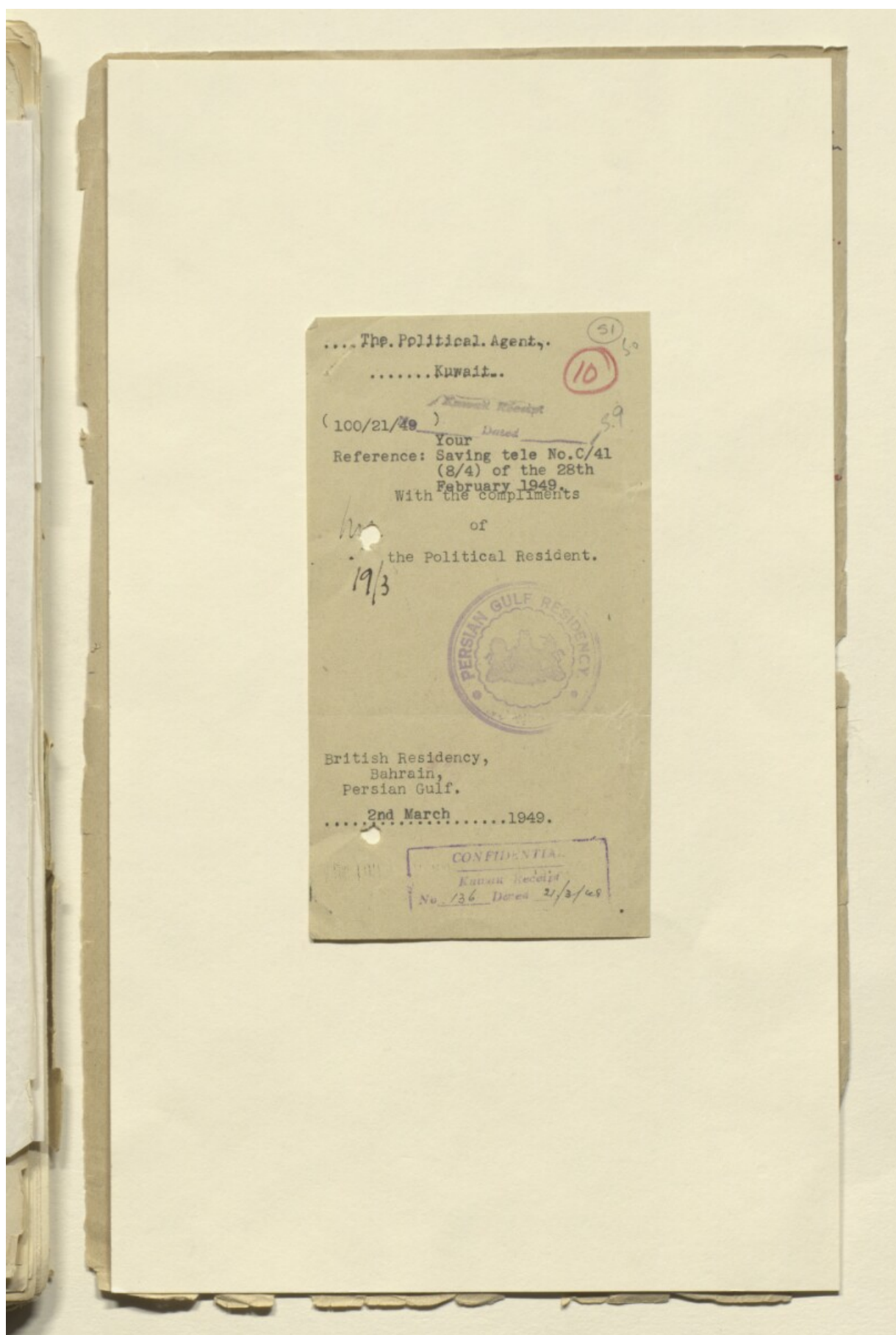
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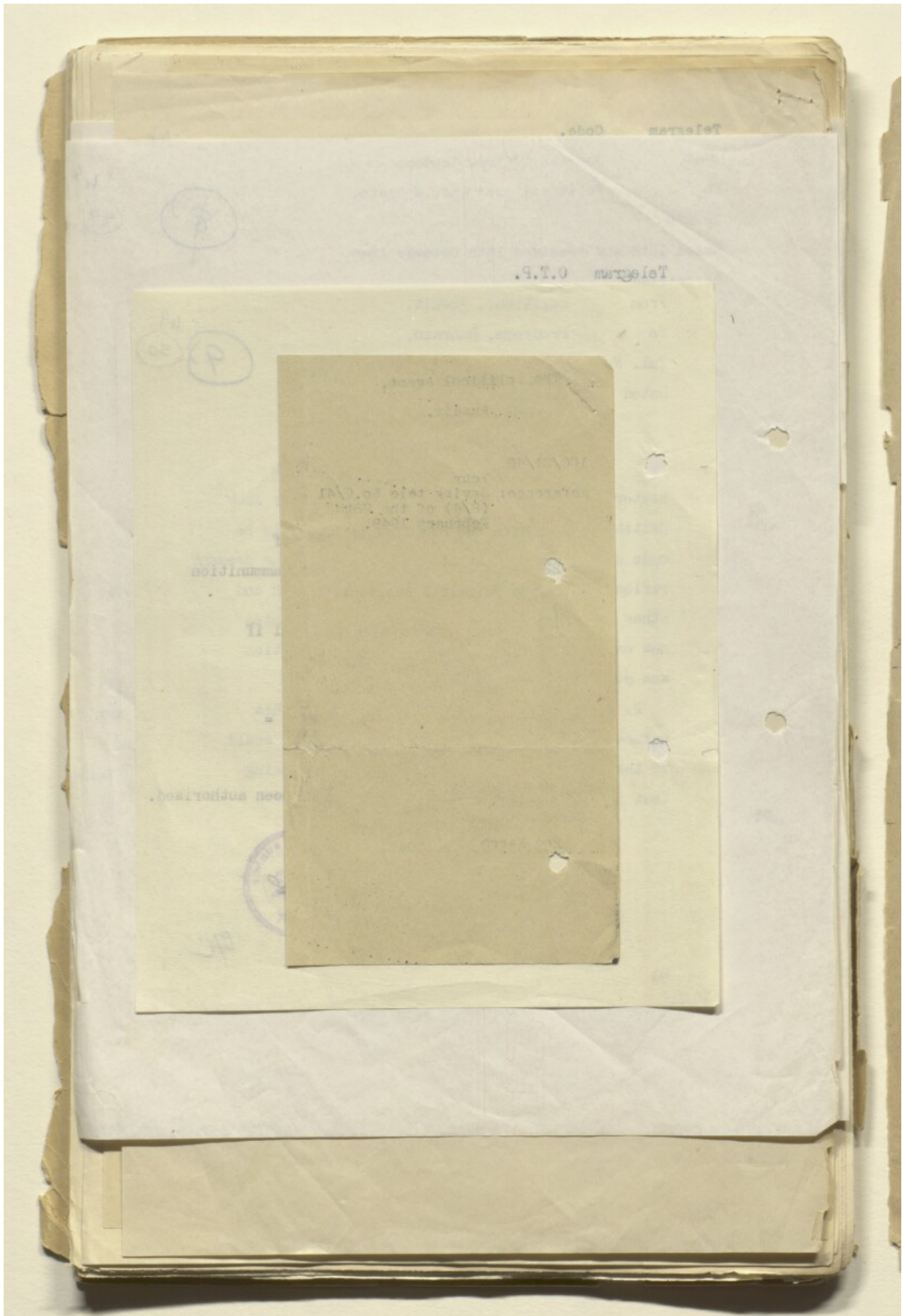
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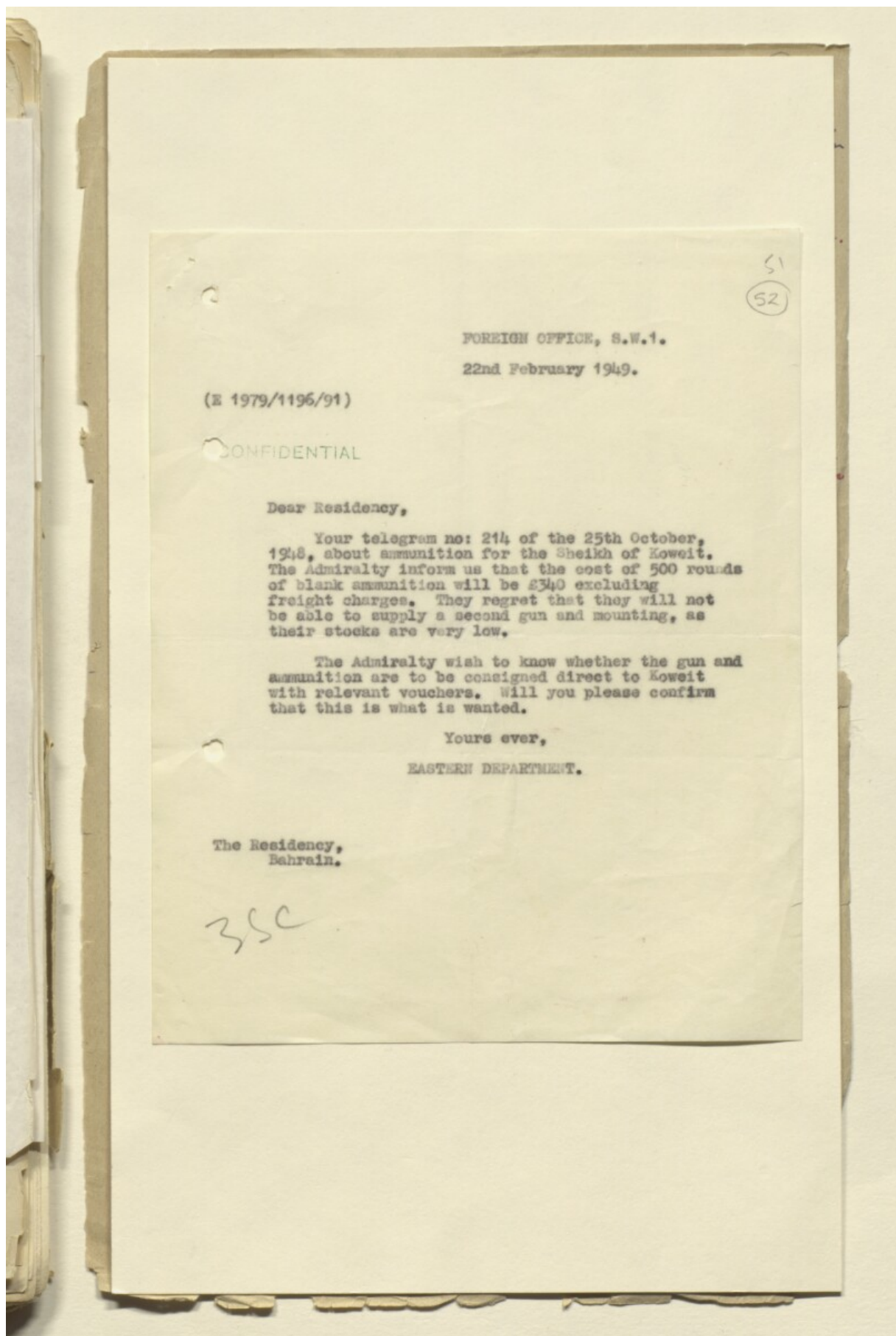


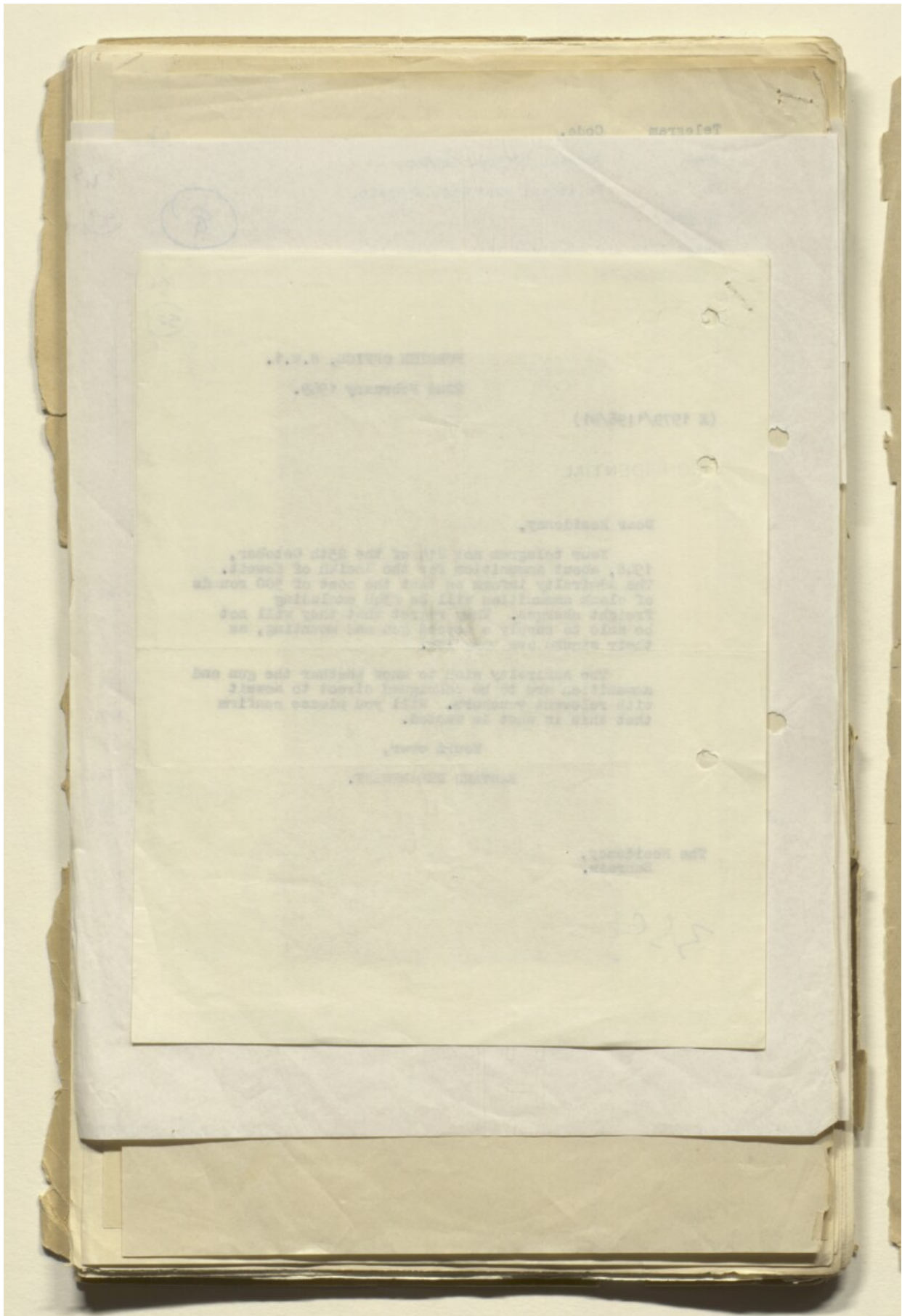


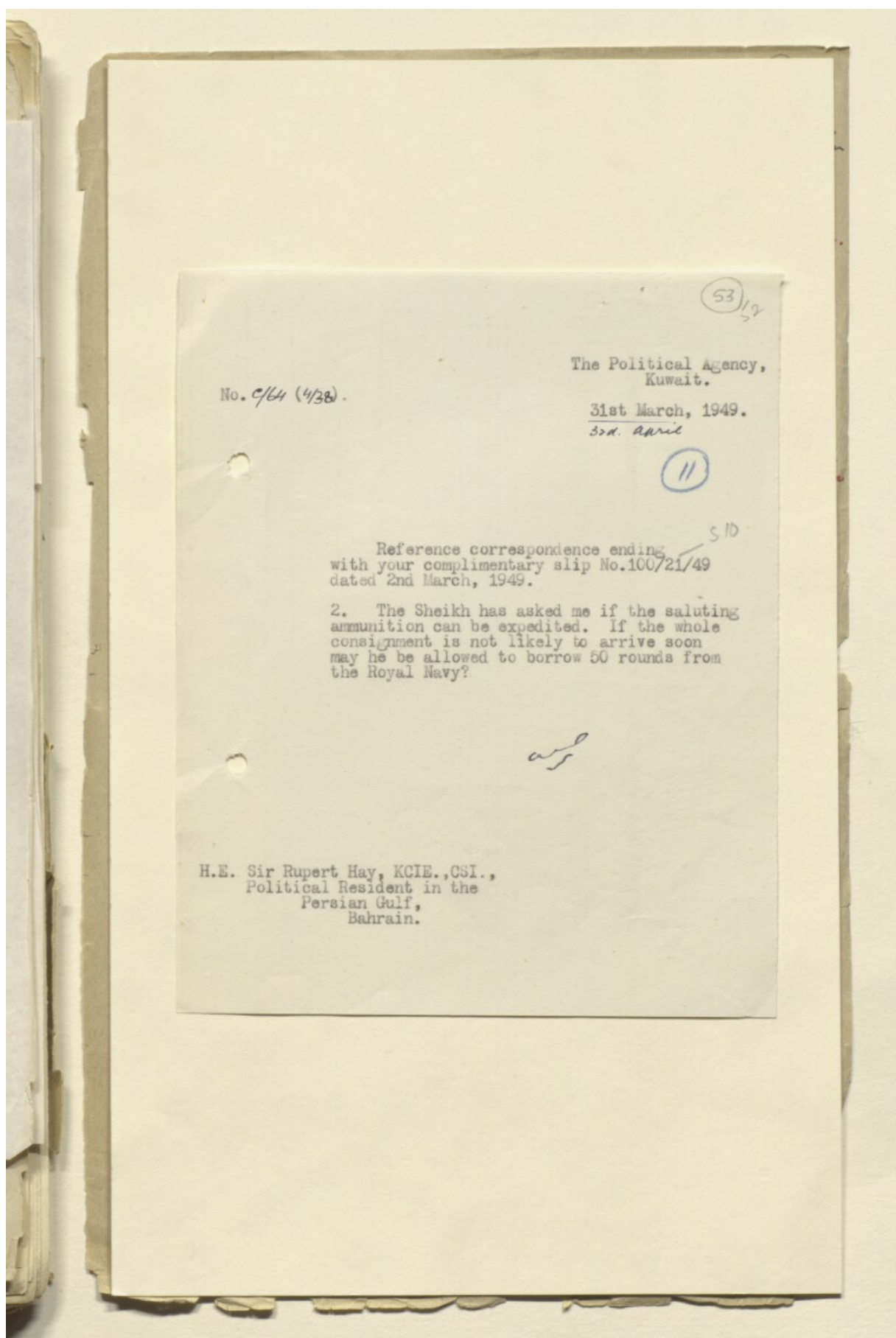












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The Political Agency,
Kuwait.

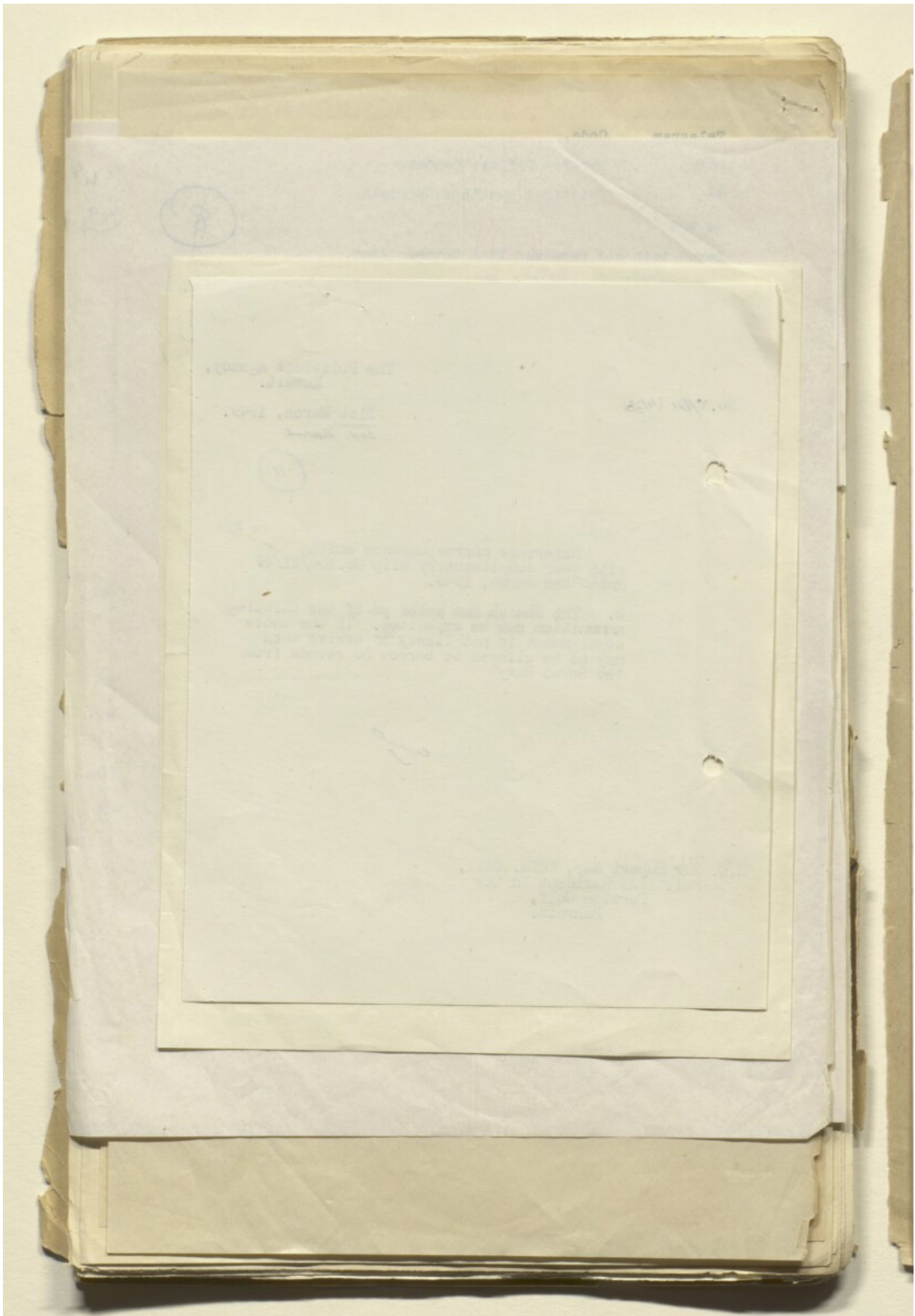
31st March, 1949.

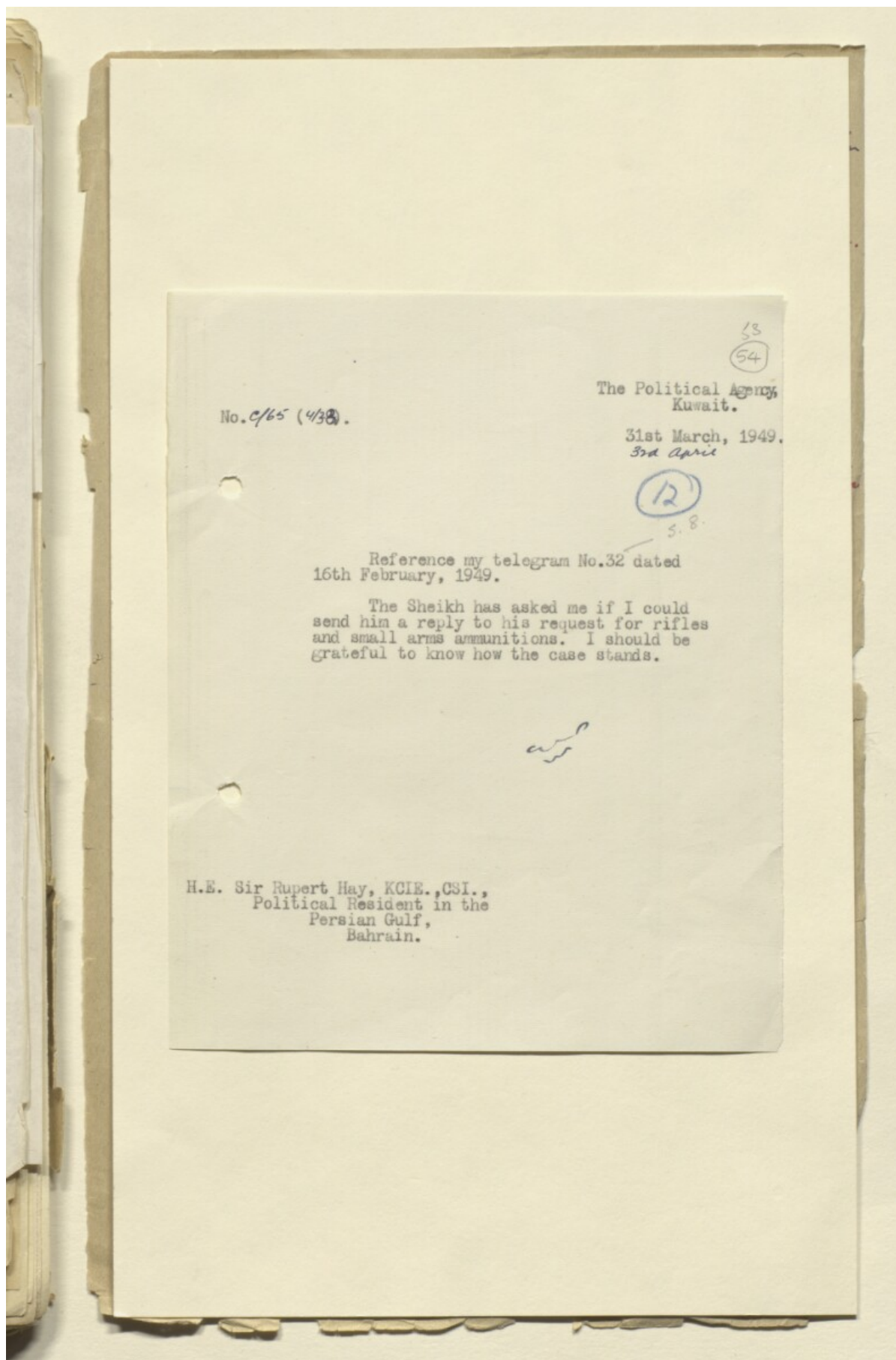
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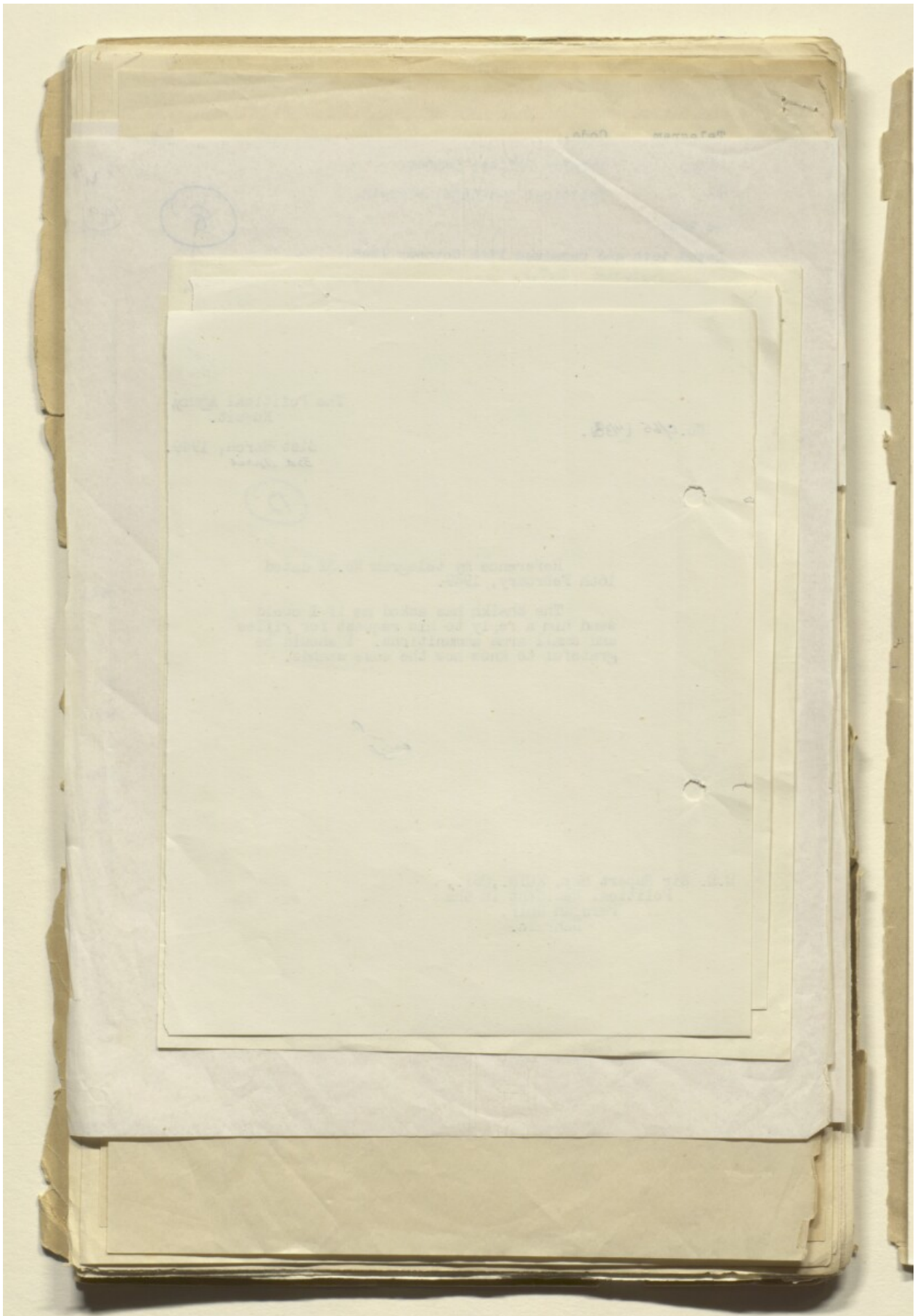
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with your complimentary slip No. 100/21/49
dated 2nd March, 1949.

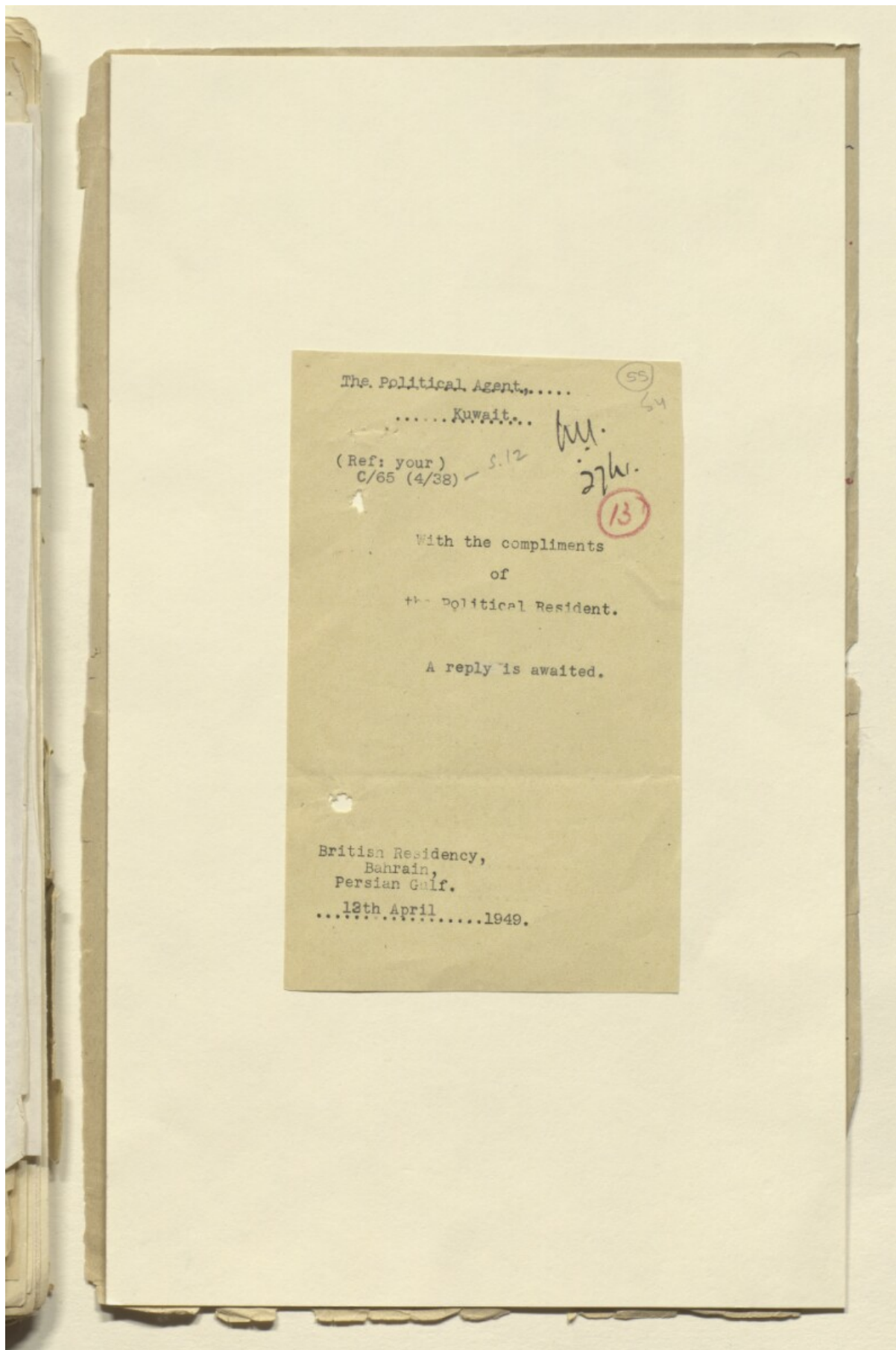
2. The Sheikh has asked me if the saluting
ammunition can be expedited. If the whole
consignment is not likely to arrive soon
may he be allowed to borrow 50 rounds from
the Royal Navy?

H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.









The Political Agent,.....

.....Kuwait...

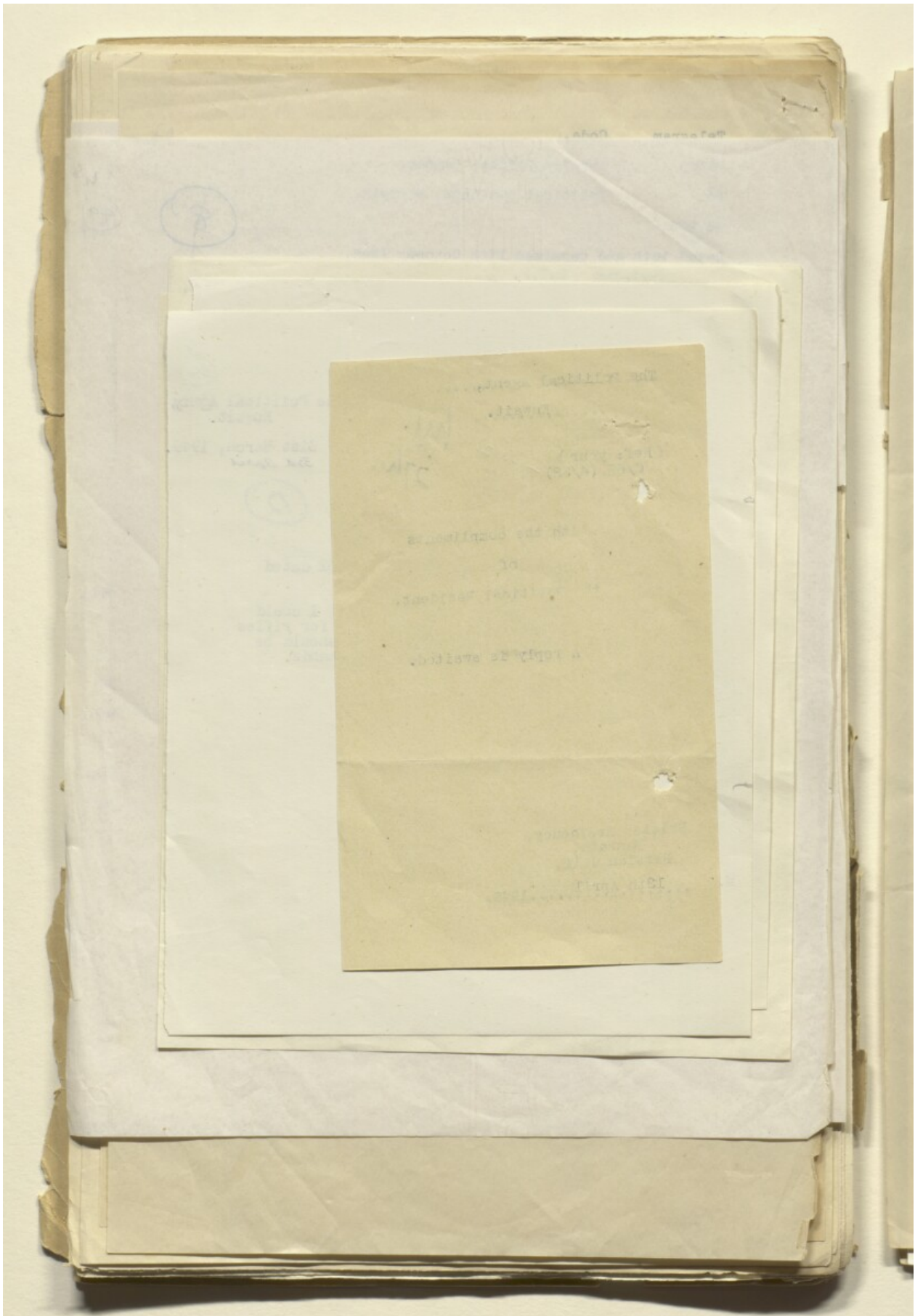
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With the compliments
of
the Political Resident.

A reply is awaited.

British Residency,
Bahrain,
Persian Gulf.

13th April.....1949.





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The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.

28th February, 1949.

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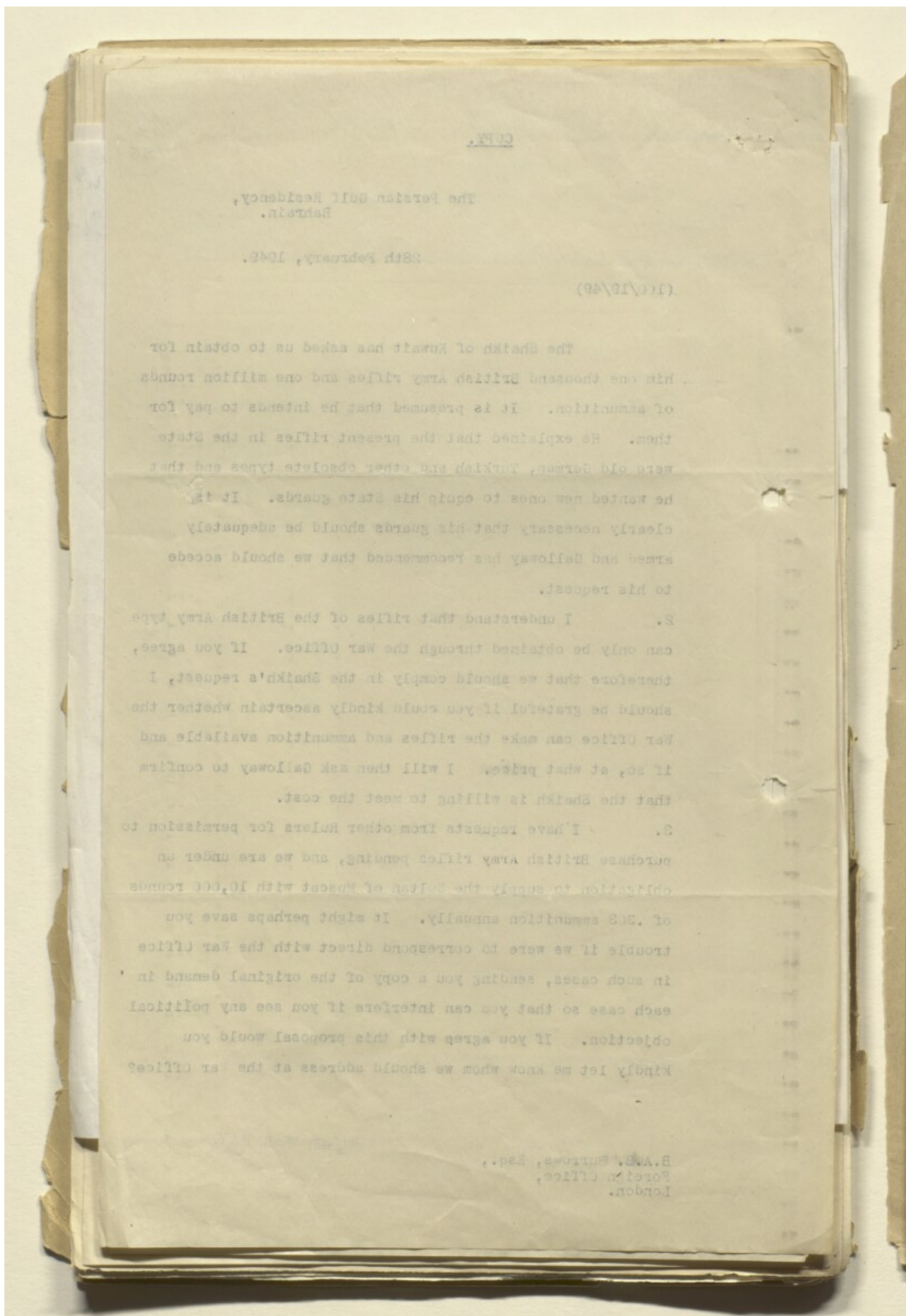
The Shaikh of Kuwait has asked us to obtain for him one thousand British Army rifles and one million rounds of ammunition. It is presumed that he intends to pay for them. He explained that the present rifles in the State were old German, Turkish and other obsolete types and that he wanted new ones to equip his State guards. It is clearly necessary that his guards should be adequately armed and Galloway has recommended that we should accede to his request.

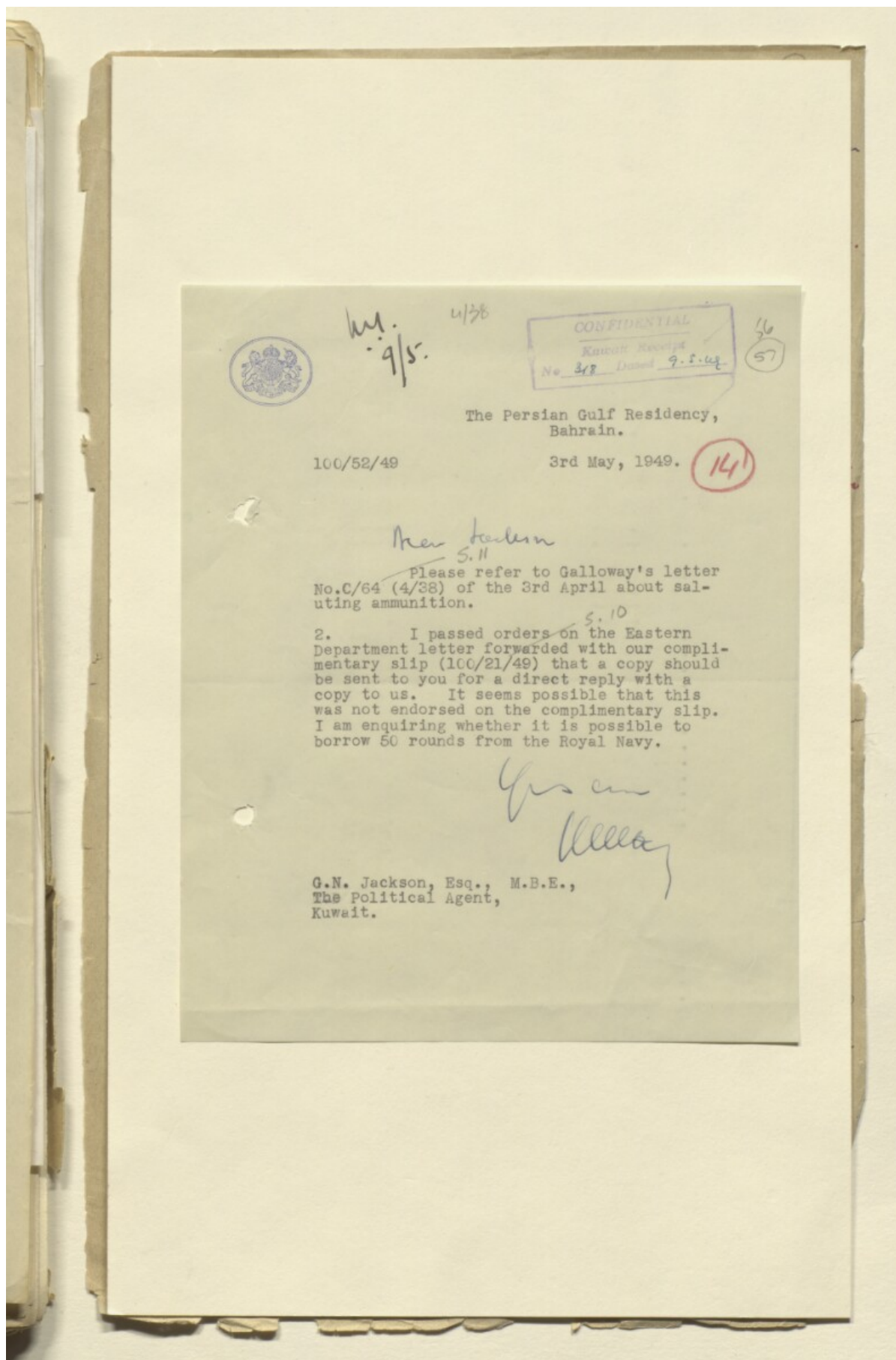
2. I understand that rifles of the British Army type can only be obtained through the War Office. If you agree, therefore that we should comply in the Shaikh's request, I should be grateful if you could kindly ascertain whether the War Office can make the rifles and ammunition available and if so, at what price. I will then ask Galloway to confirm that the Shaikh is willing to meet the cost.

3. I have requests from other Rulers for permission to purchase British Army rifles pending, and we are under an obligation to supply the Sultan of Muscat with 10,000 rounds of .303 ammunition annually. It might perhaps save you trouble if we were to correspond direct with the War Office in such cases, sending you a copy of the original demand in each case so that you can interfere if you see any political objection. If you agree with this proposal would you kindly let me know whom we should address at the War Office?

B.A.B. Burrows, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London.

(Signed) W. R. HAY.





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Kuwait Receipt
No. 3/8 Dated 9.5.49

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The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.

100/52/49

3rd May, 1949.

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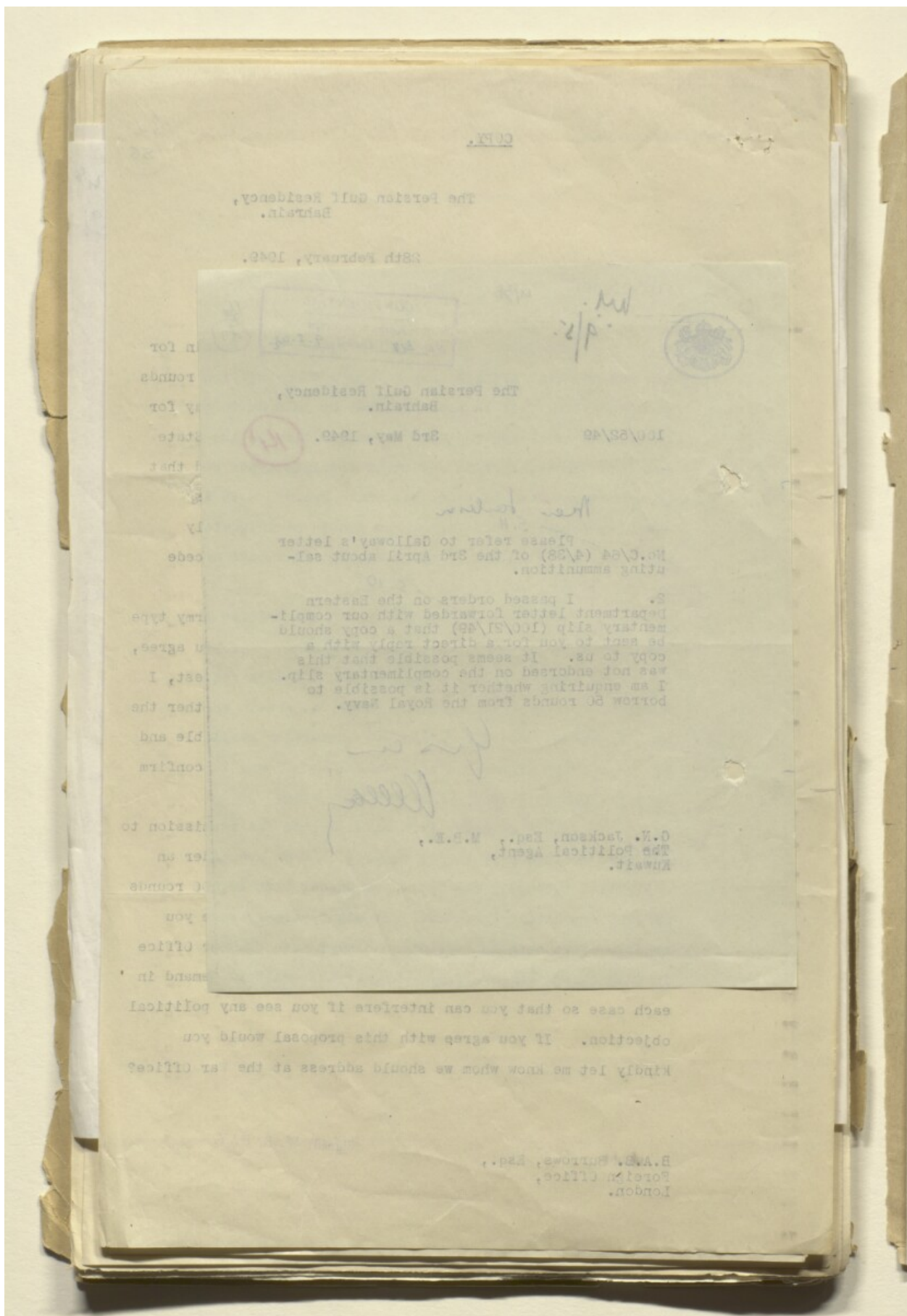
Mr. Jackson
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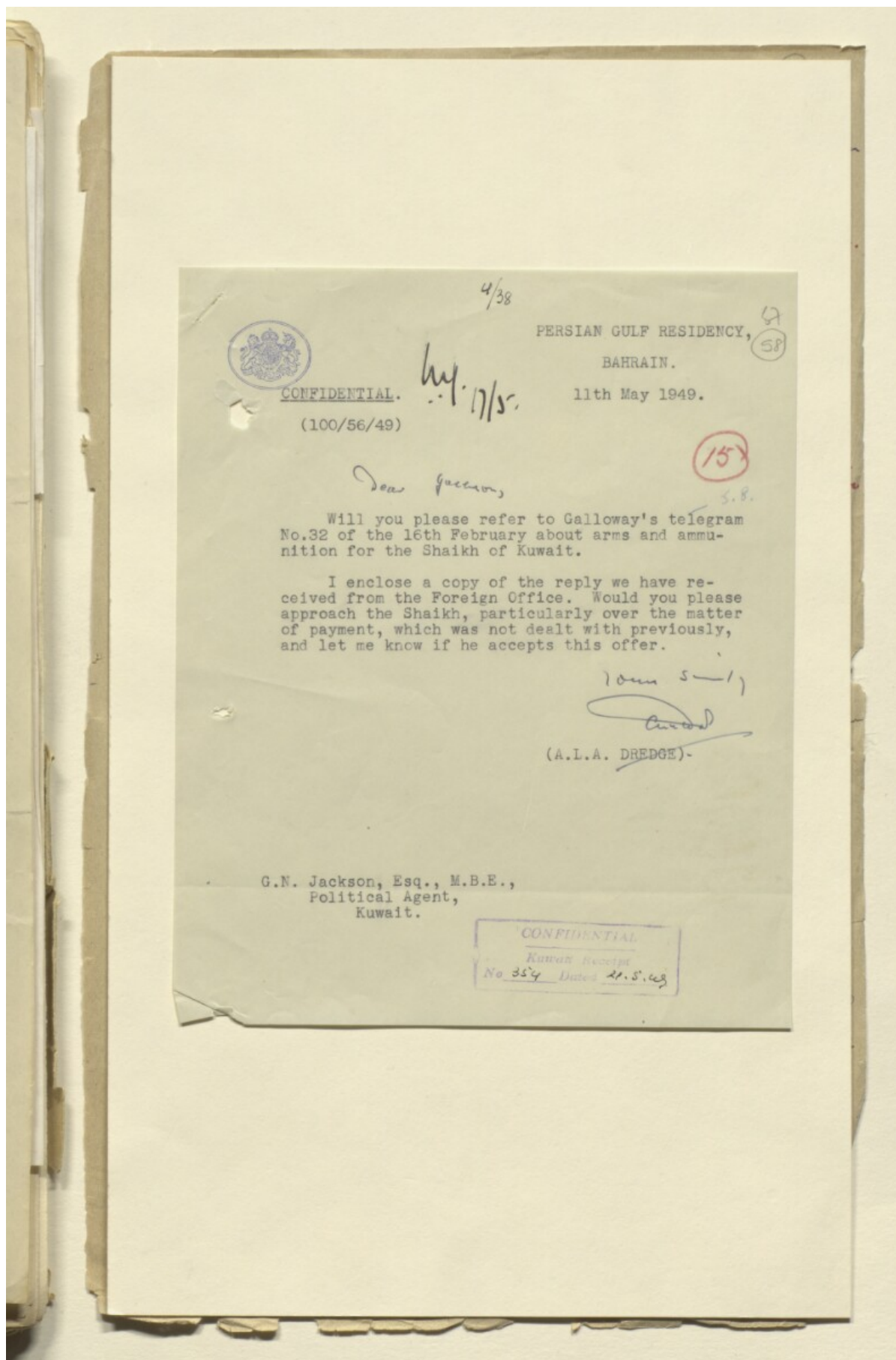
Please refer to Galloway's letter
No.C/64 (4/38) of the 3rd April about sal-
uting ammunition.

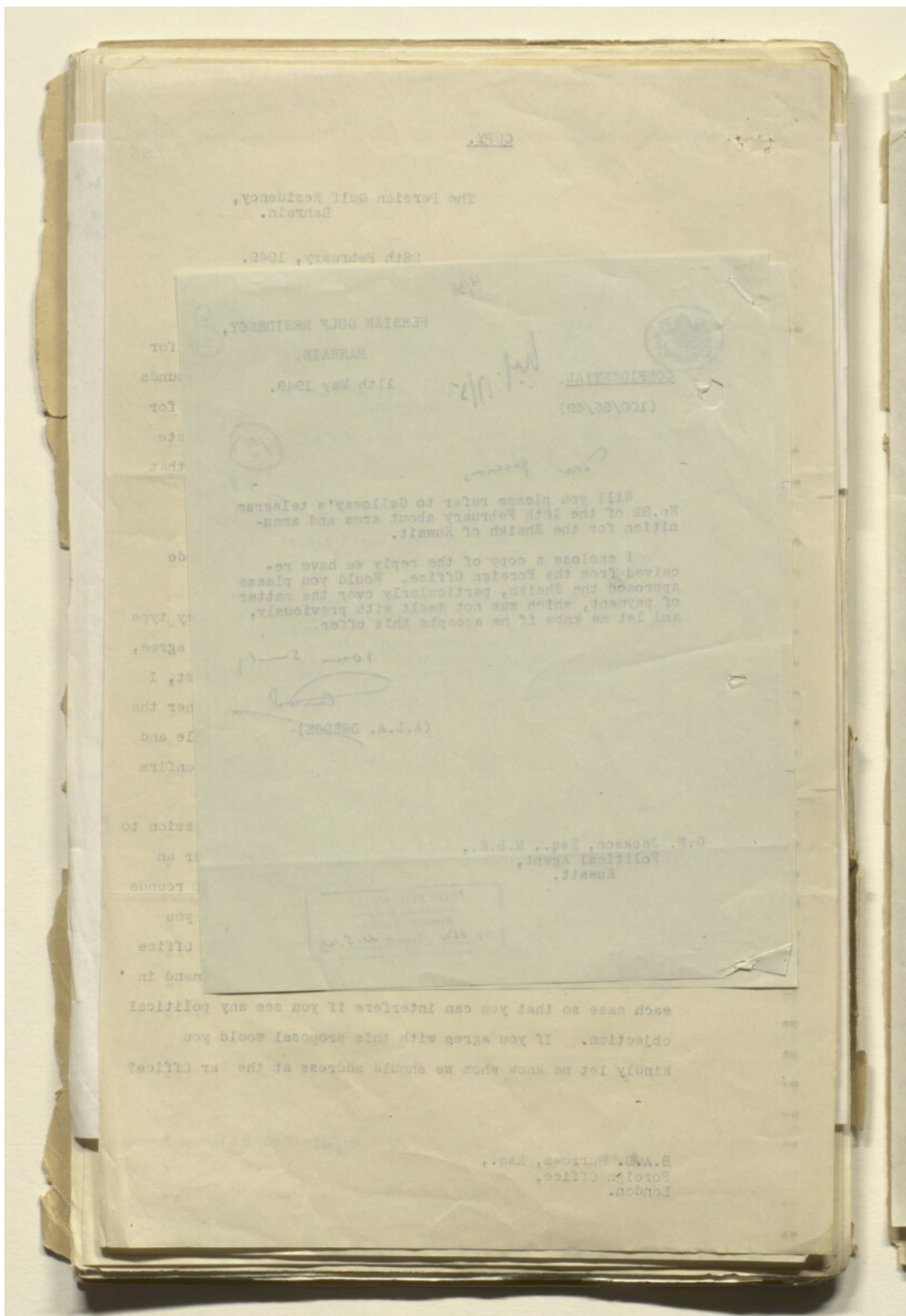
2. I passed orders on the Eastern
Department letter forwarded with our compli-
mentary slip (100/21/49) that a copy should
be sent to you for a direct reply with a
copy to us. It seems possible that this
was not endorsed on the complimentary slip.
I am enquiring whether it is possible to
borrow 50 rounds from the Royal Navy.

G. N. Jackson
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G.N. Jackson, Esq., M.B.E.,
The Political Agent,
Kuwait.









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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

CONFIDENTIAL.

29th April 1949.

(E 4219/1196/91)

Dear Sir Rupert,

Please refer to your letter No. 100/19/49 of 28th February regarding rifles and ammunition for the Shaikh of Kuwait. You may not be aware that the position regarding arms, and particularly ammunition, is extremely tight, and until measures to increase production are put into effect there will be difficulty for some time to come in meeting demands for ammunition particularly.

The War Office have agreed to make 1,000 rifles available but at first found themselves unable to provide any ammunition whatever. We have, however, prevailed upon them to release 100,000 rounds from War Office stocks, to which they have agreed on condition that it is made clear to the Shaikh that the ammunition position is difficult and that it is hoped that he will conserve the use of the ammunition as far as possible and not make the fact that he has been supplied with 1,000 rifles an argument for insisting on the supply of further ammunition. His demand for 1,000,000 rounds has been noted, however, and an attempt will be made to meet it from new production as this comes into supply.

The cost of the 1,000 rifles with bayonet, scabbard, and sling would be £4,470 (at surplus rates). This is not an entirely firm figure as it is the Ministry of Supply and not the War Office which would be responsible for making the sale. The 100,000 rounds of ammunition would cost £1,745 (ex depot).

As regards your proposal that you should correspond direct with the War Office over requests of Rulers for arms, we consider that on the whole it is more convenient for the correspondence to be made through us as policy considerations enter with which we must concern ourselves.

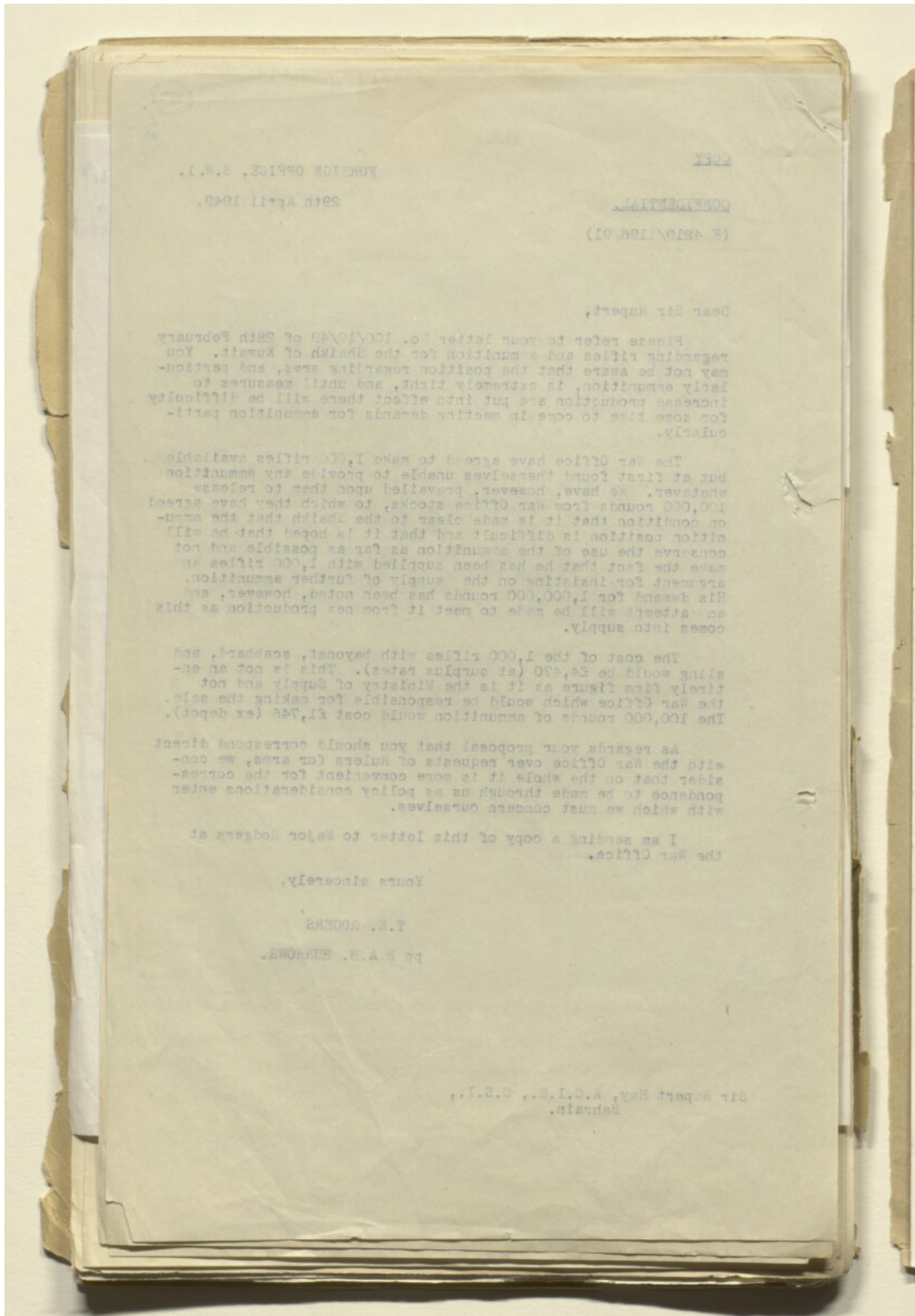
I am sending a copy of this letter to Major Rodgers at the War Office.

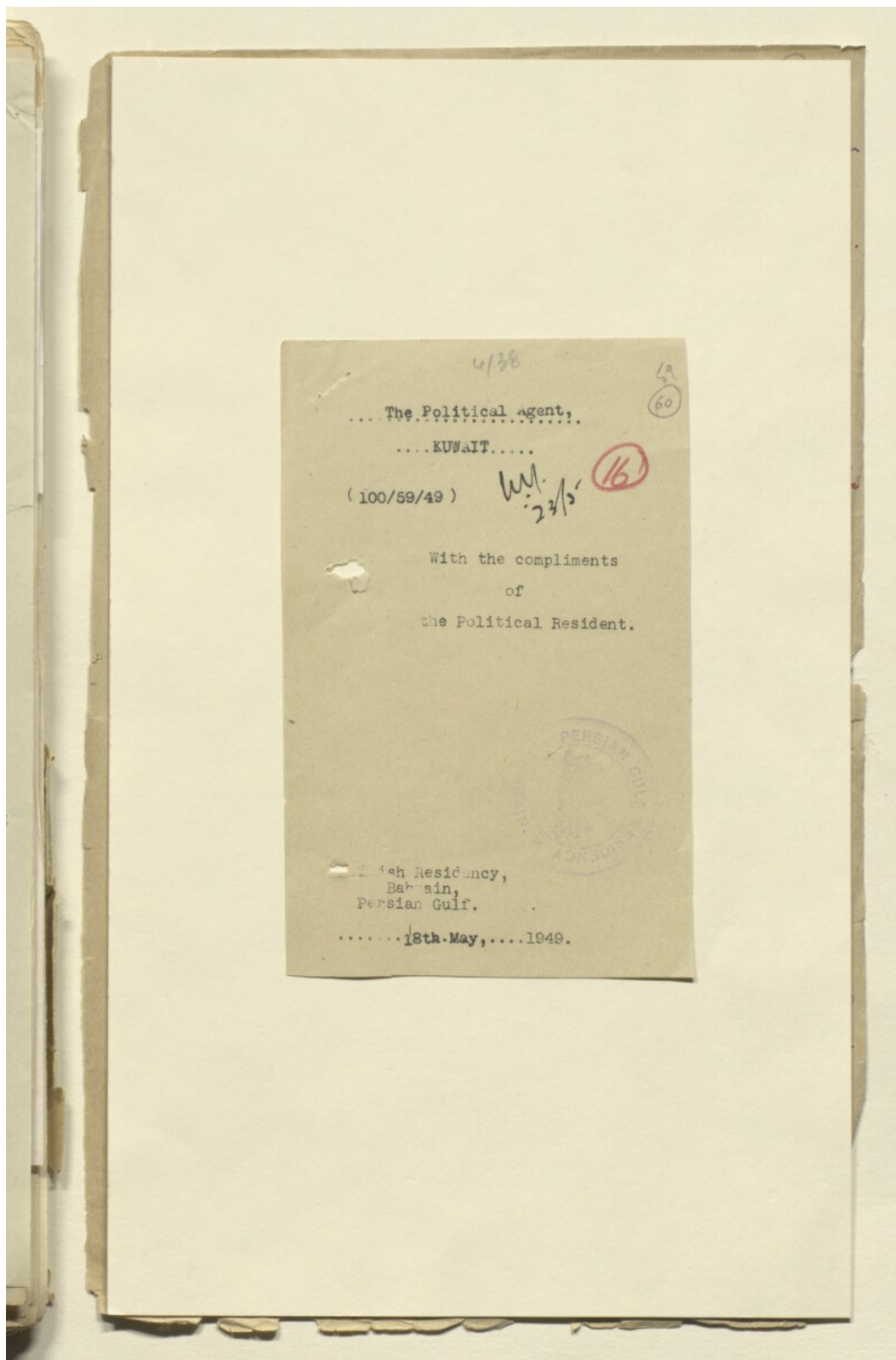
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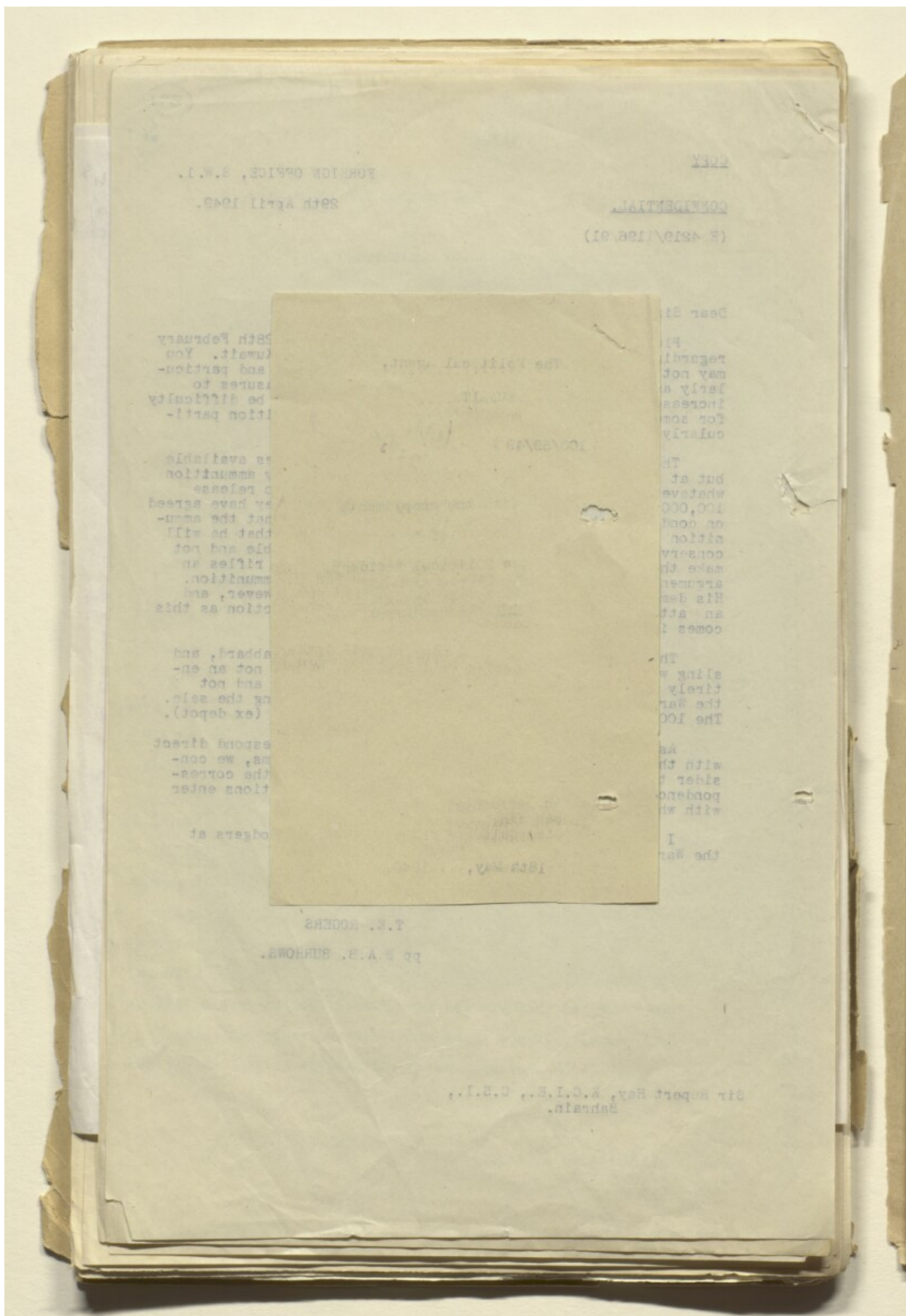
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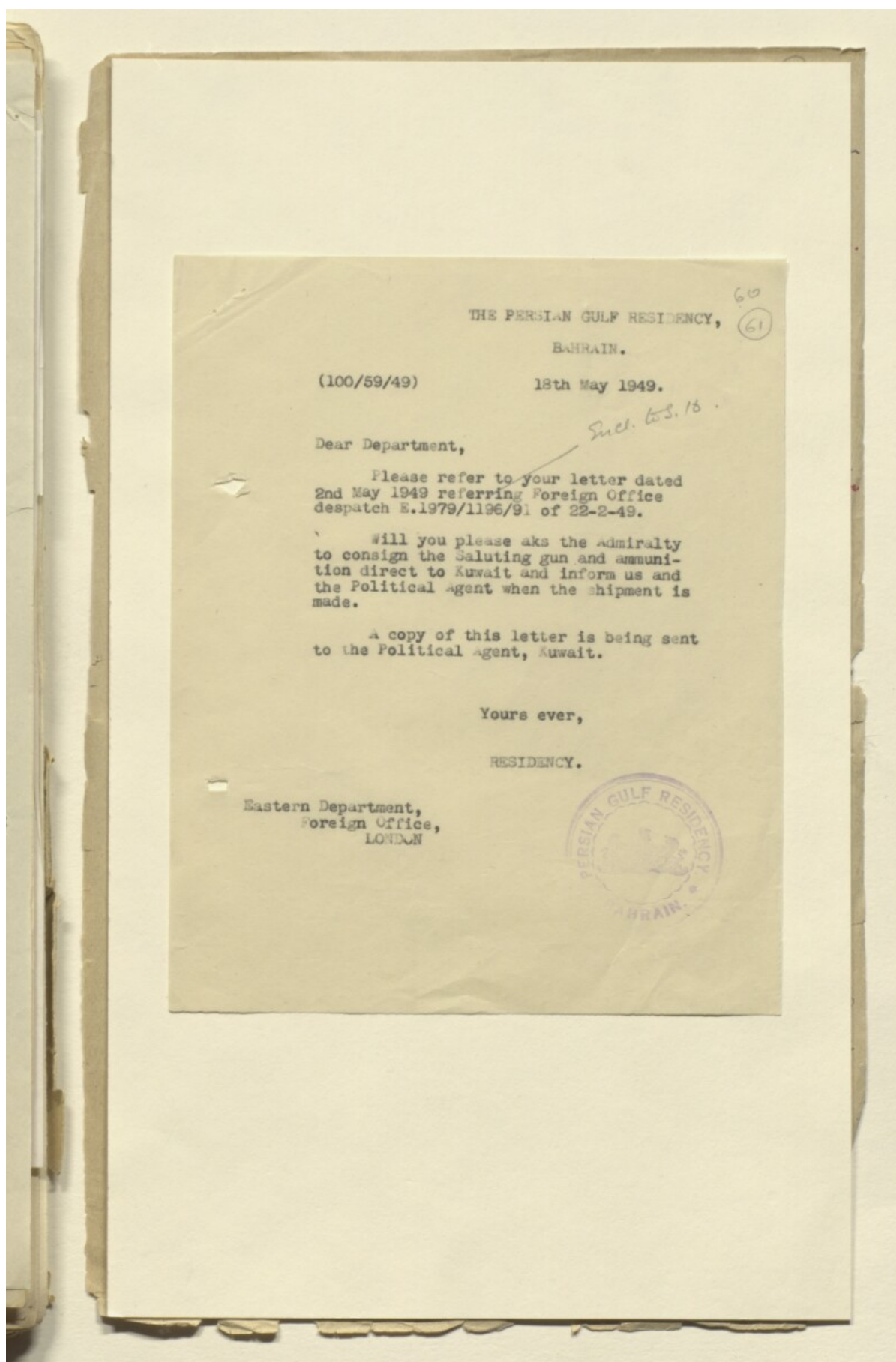
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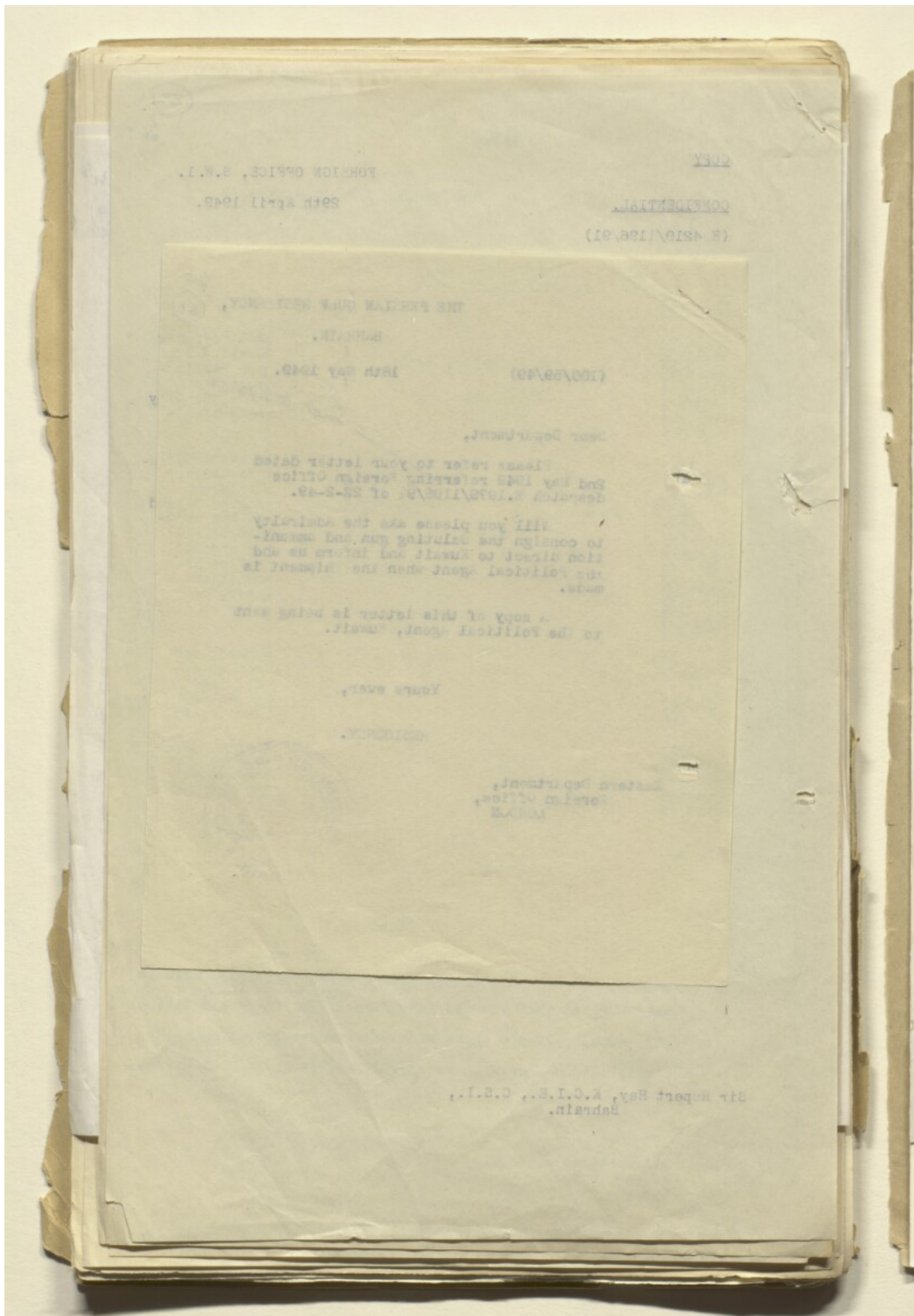
Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Bahrain.













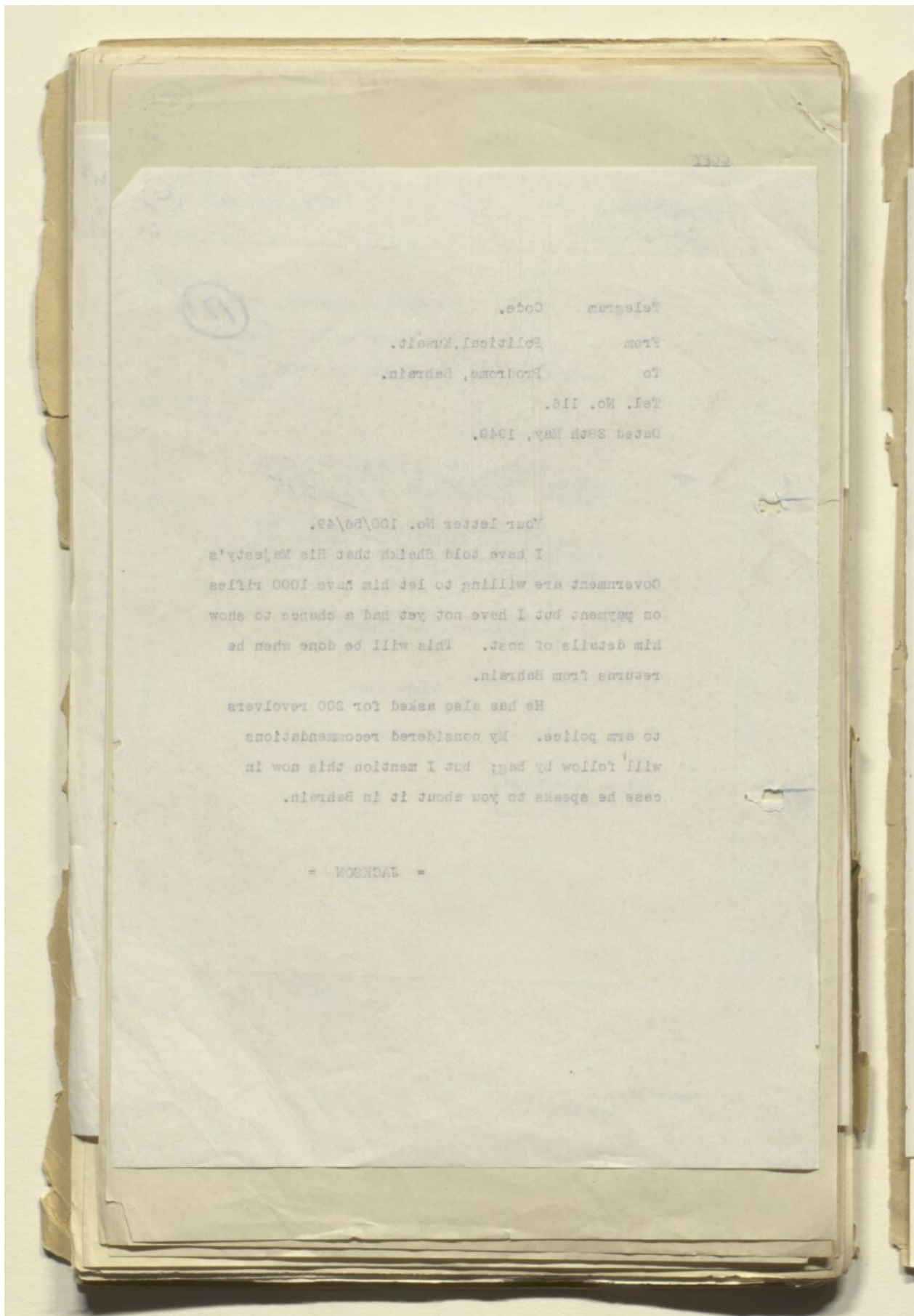
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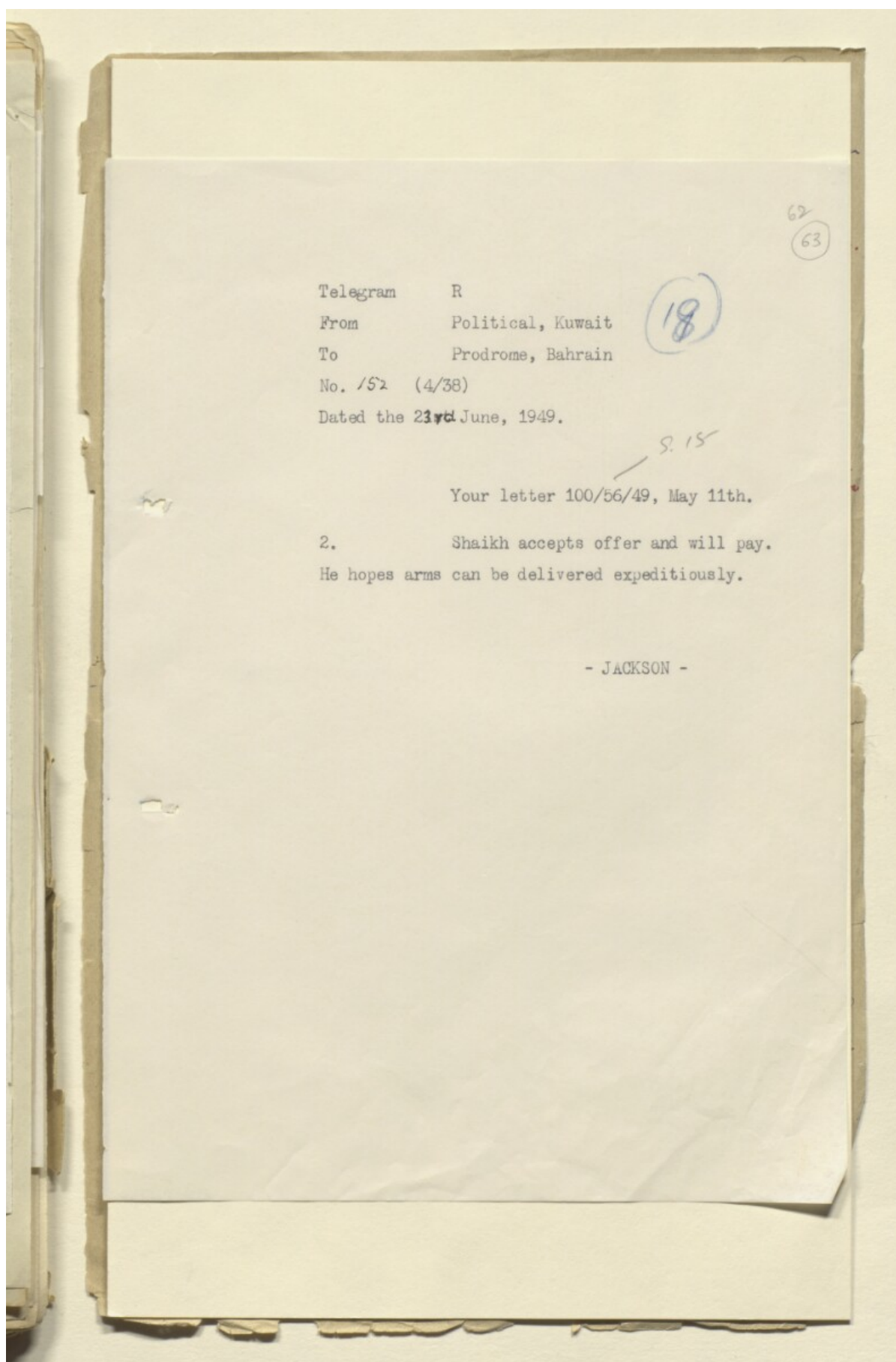
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Your letter No. 100/56/49.

I have told Sheikh that His Majesty's Government are willing to let him have 1000 rifles on payment but I have not yet had a chance to show him details of cost. This will be done when he returns from Bahrain.

He has also asked for 200 revolvers to arm police. My considered recommendations will follow by bag; but I mention this now in case he speaks to you about it in Bahrain.

- JACKSON -





Telegram R
From Political, Kuwait
To Prodrome, Bahrain
No. 152 (4/38)
Dated the 23rd June, 1949.

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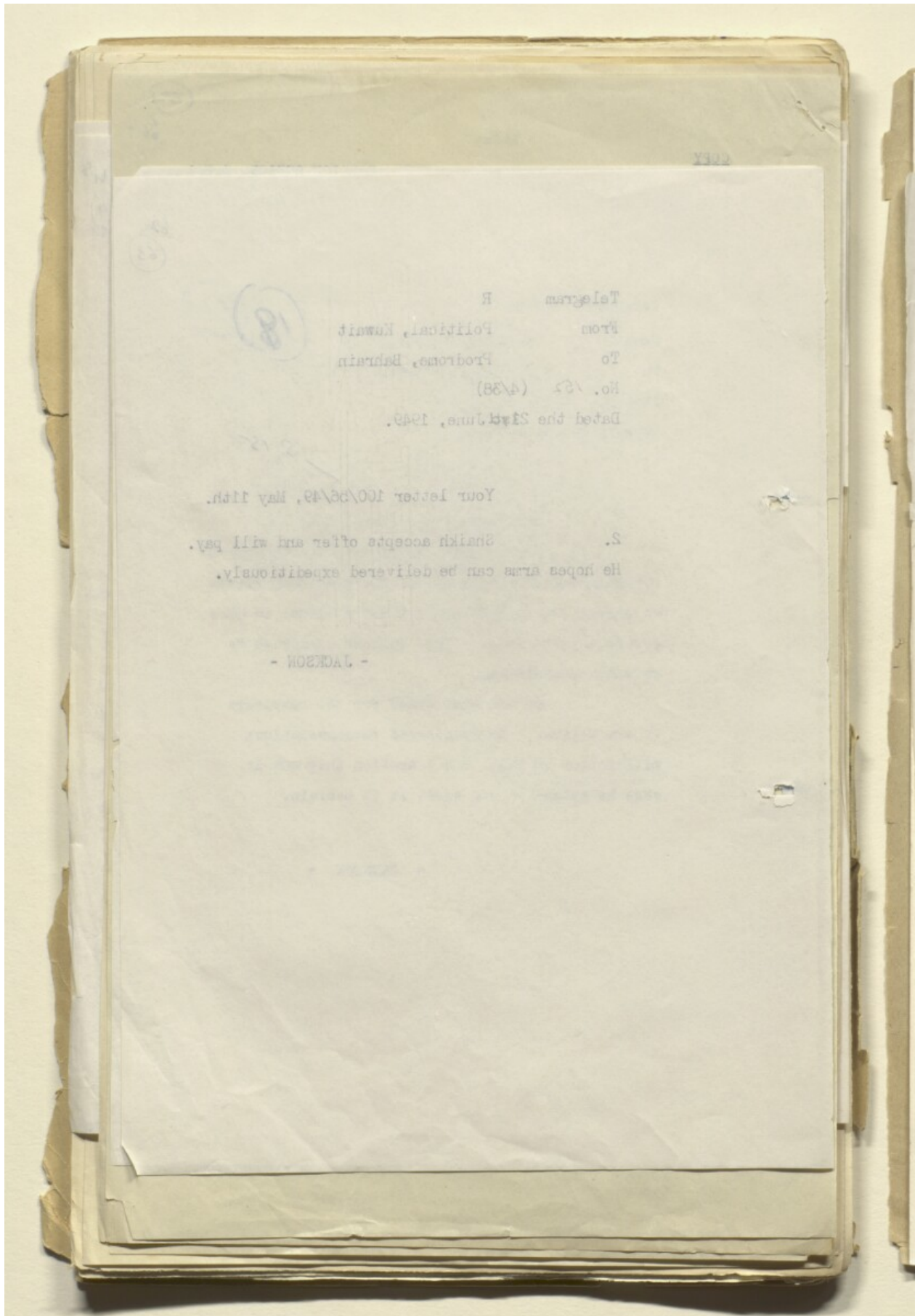
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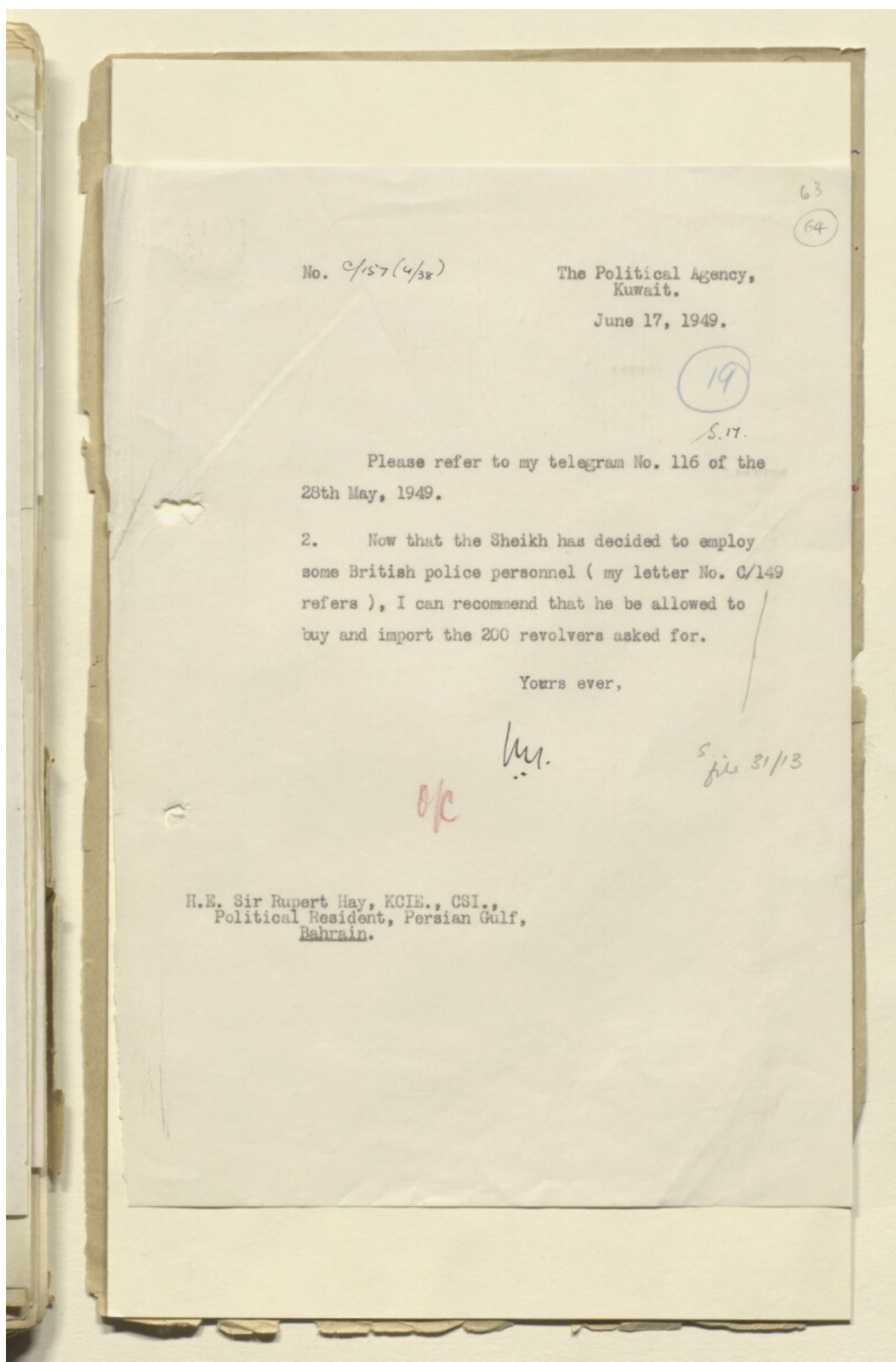
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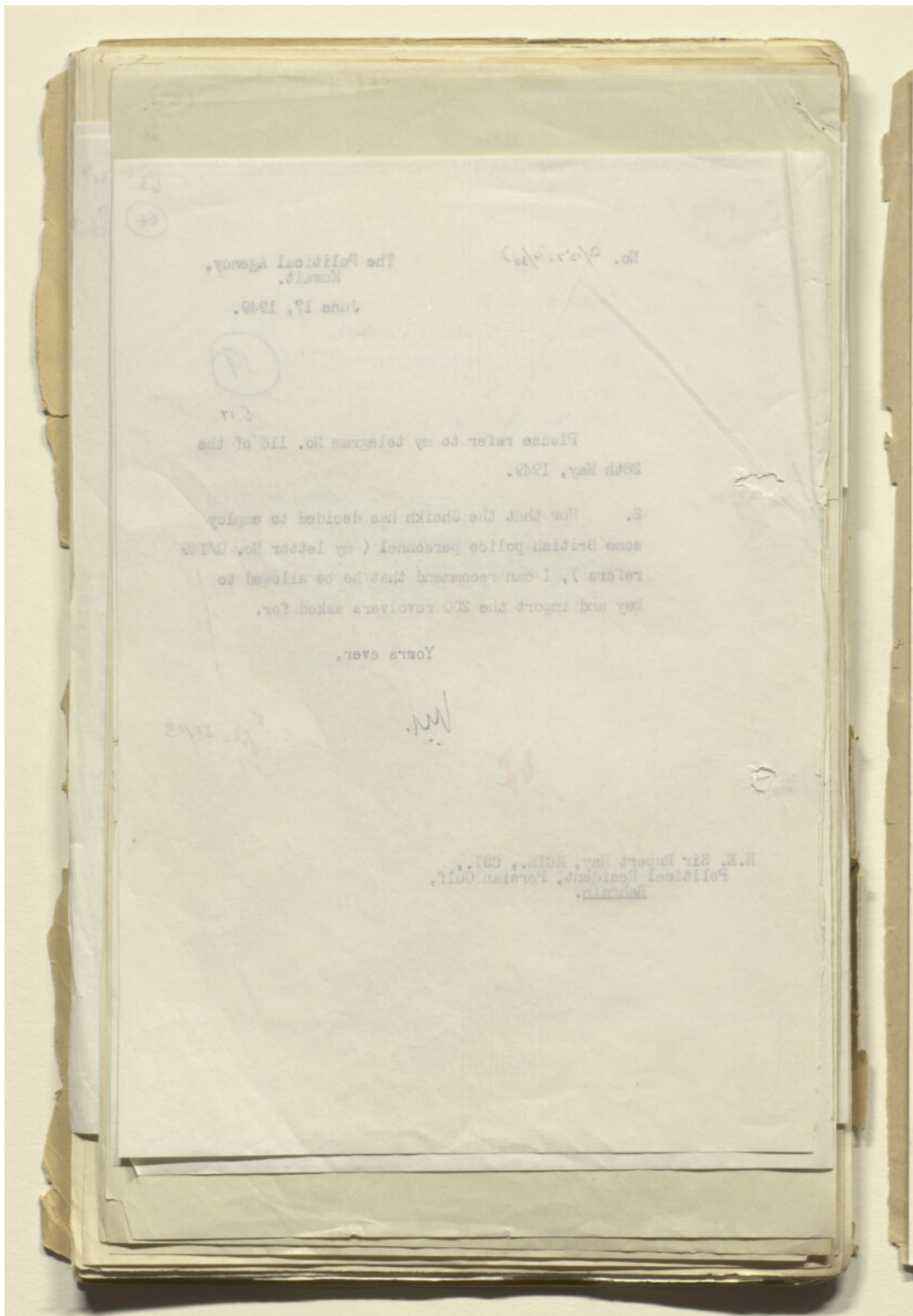
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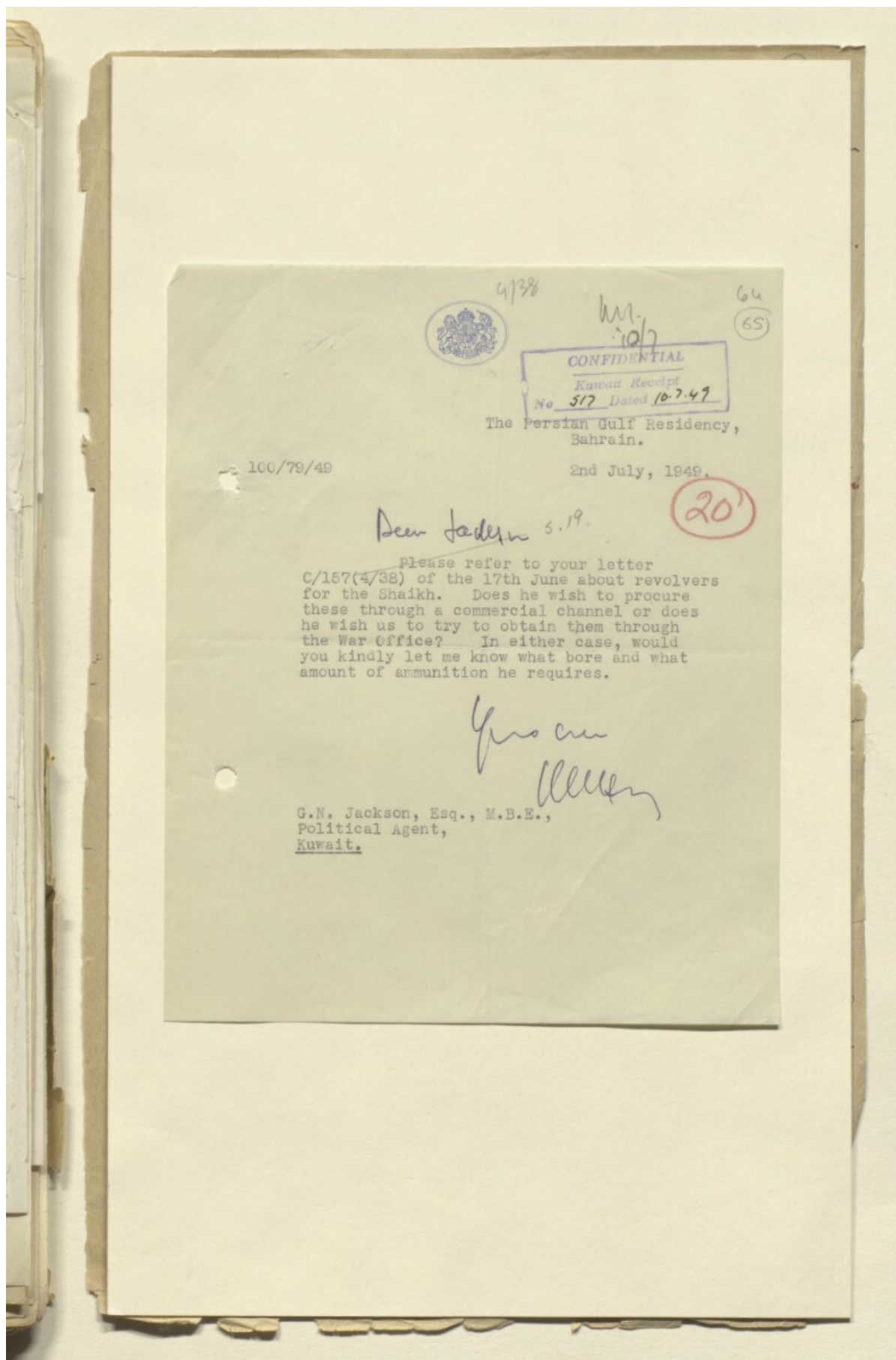
2. Shaikh accepts offer and will pay.
He hopes arms can be delivered expeditiously.

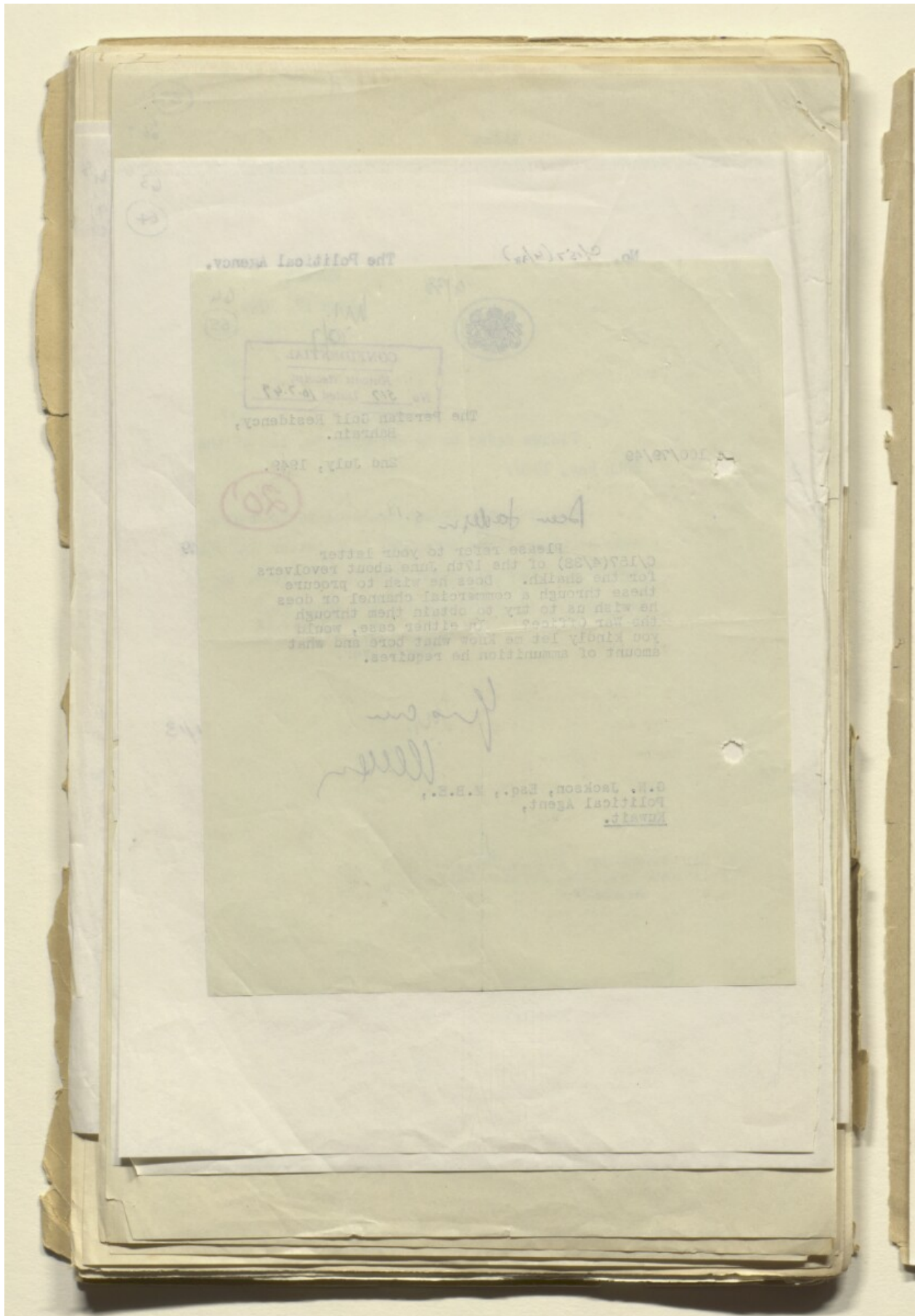
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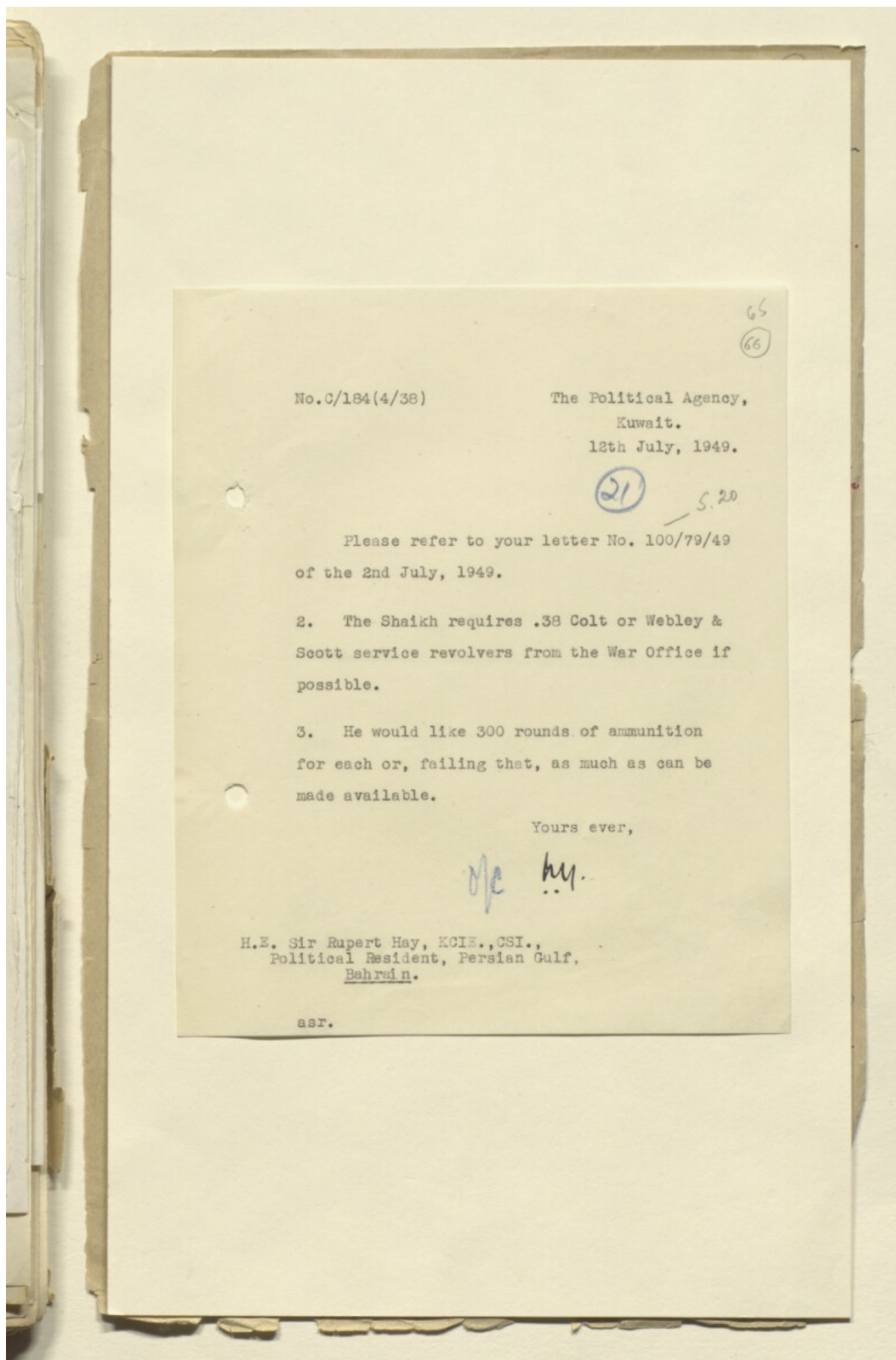












No. C/184(4/38)

The Political Agency,
Kuwait.
12th July, 1949.

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Please refer to your letter No. 100/79/49
of the 2nd July, 1949.

2. The Shaikh requires .38 Colt or Webley &
Scott service revolvers from the War Office if
possible.

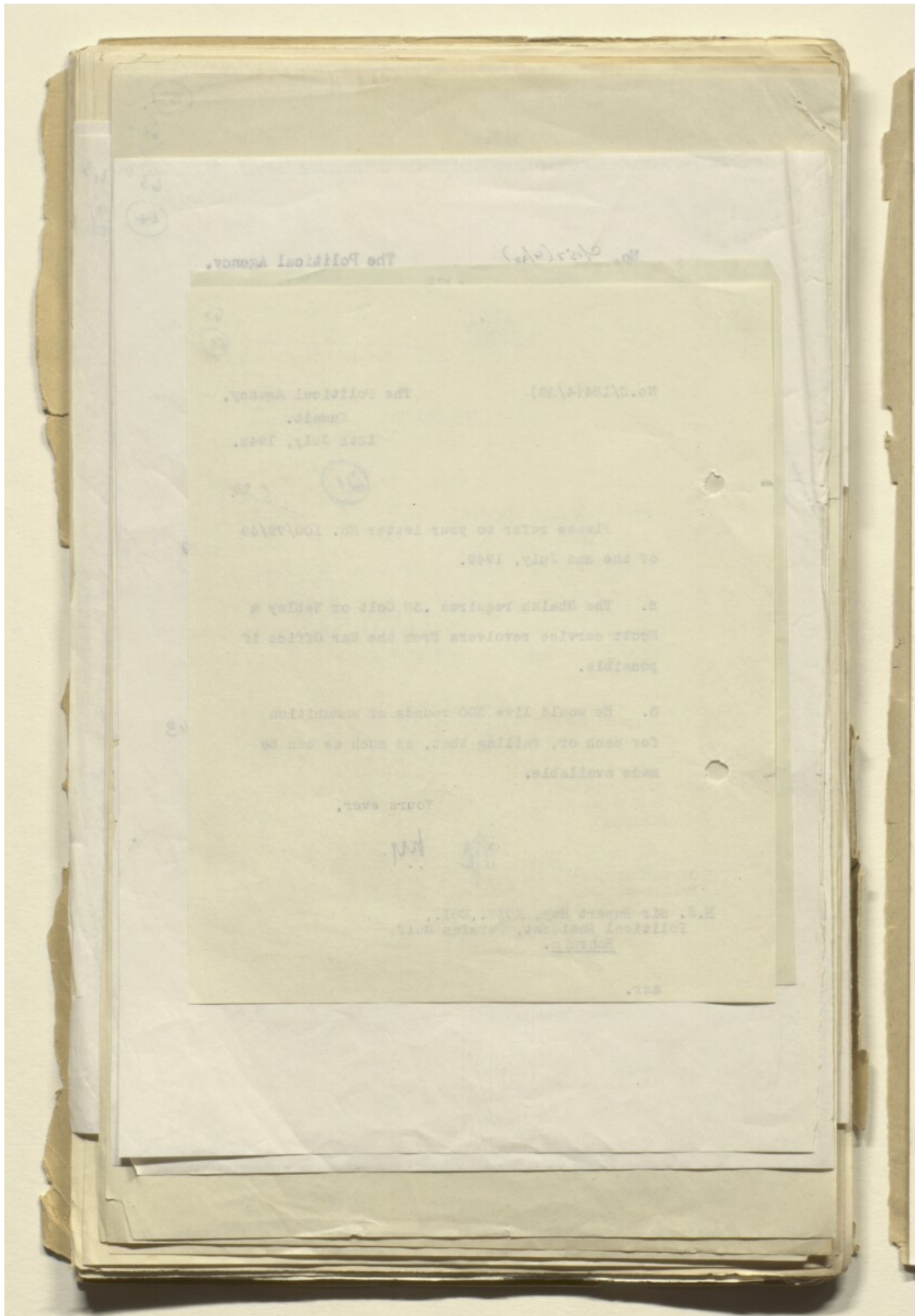
3. He would like 300 rounds of ammunition
for each or, failing that, as much as can be
made available.

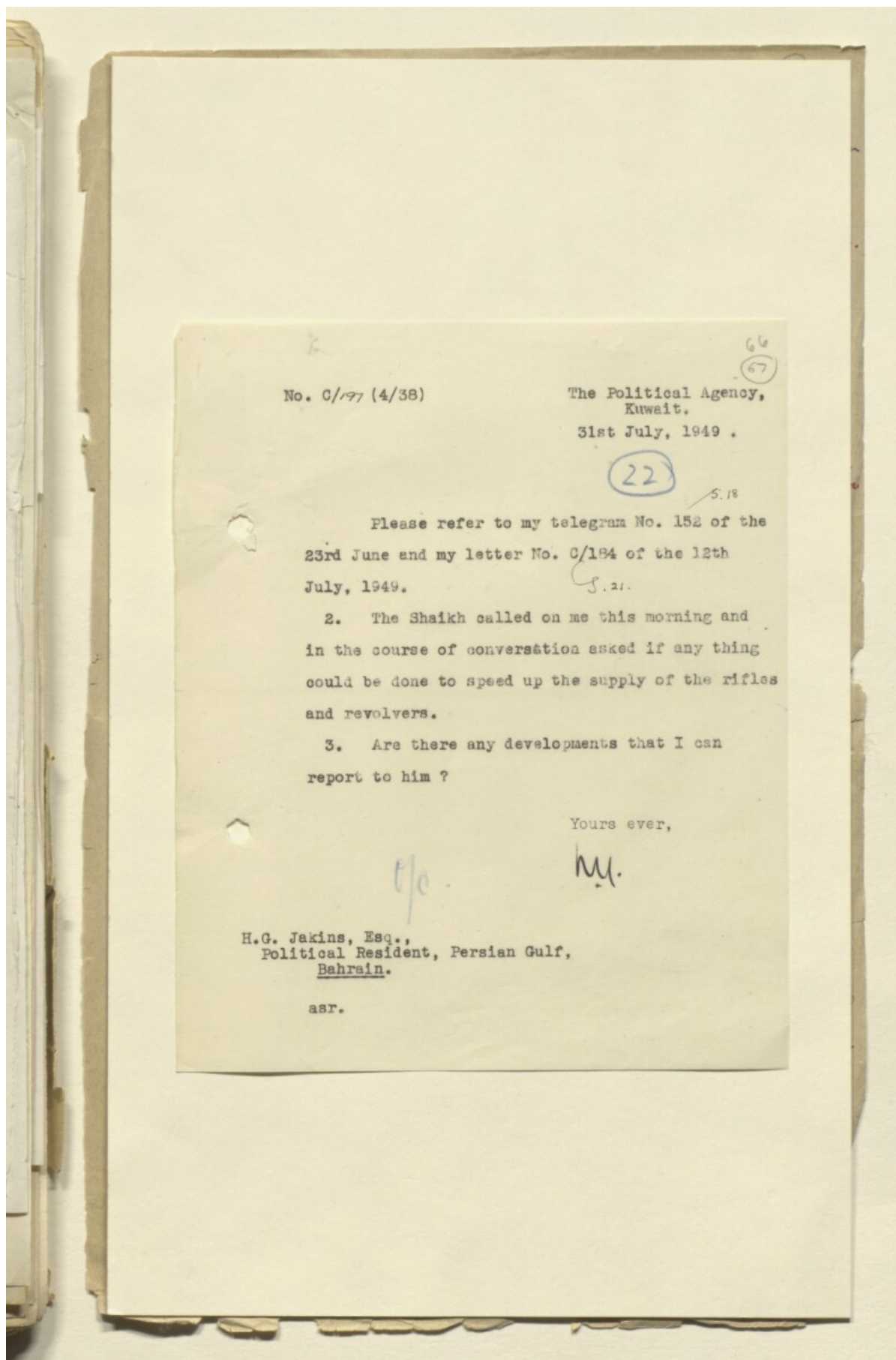
Yours ever,

H.E.

H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

asr.





No. C/177 (4/38)

The Political Agency,
Kuwait.
31st July, 1949 .

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Please refer to my telegram No. 152 of the
23rd June and my letter No. C/184 of the 12th
July, 1949. S.21.

2. The Shaikh called on me this morning and
in the course of conversation asked if any thing
could be done to speed up the supply of the rifles
and revolvers.

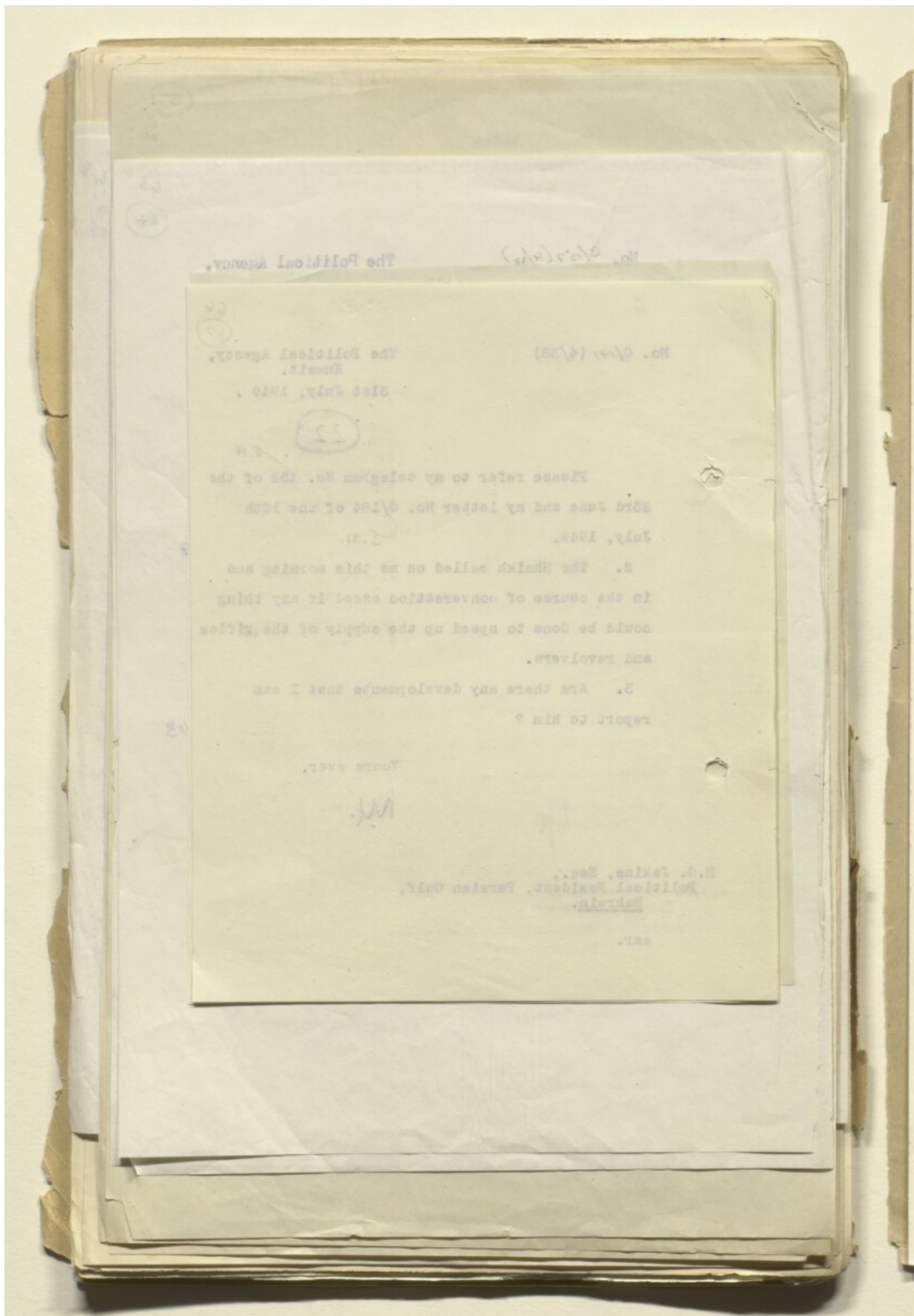
3. Are there any developments that I can
report to him ?

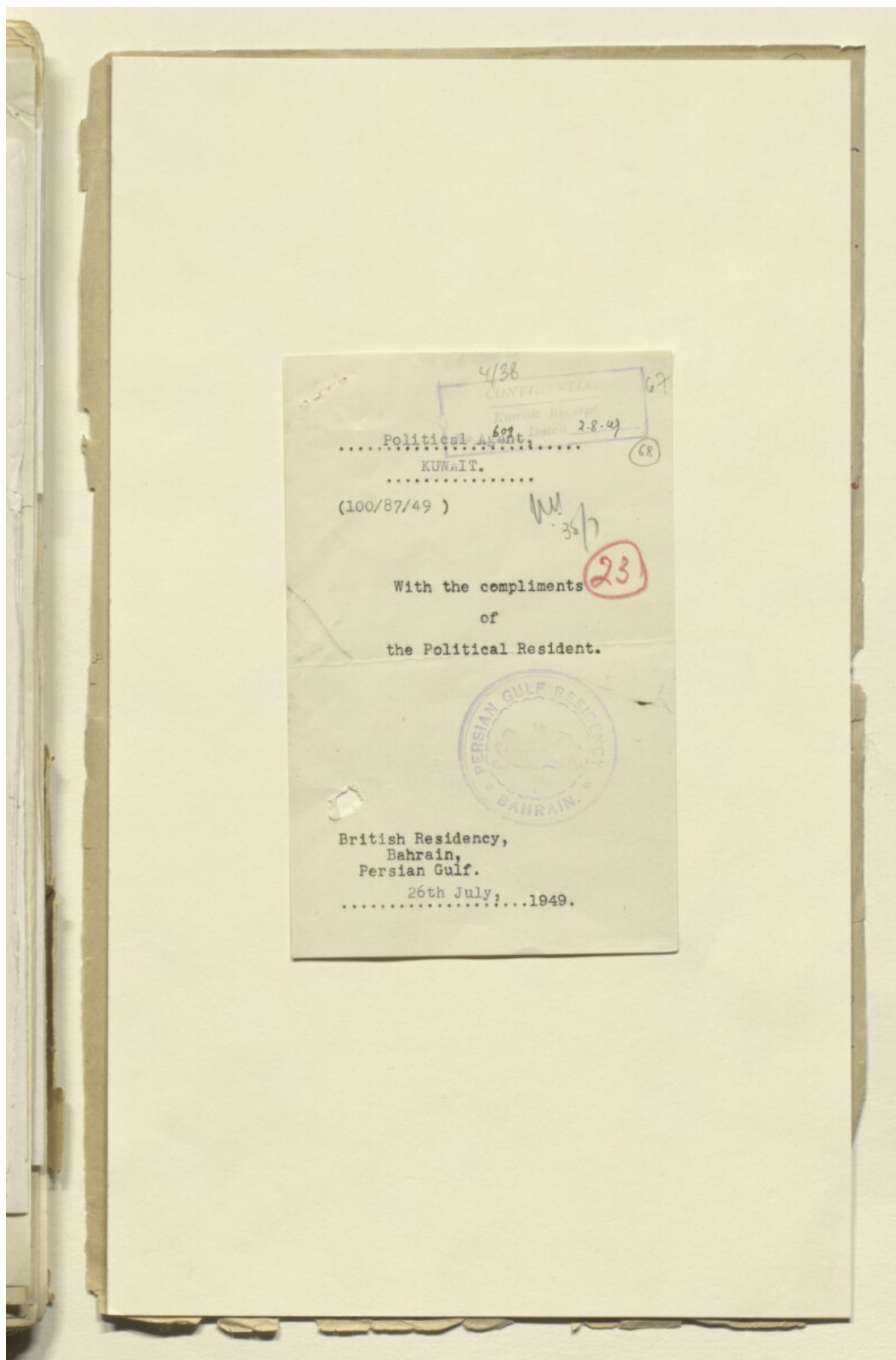
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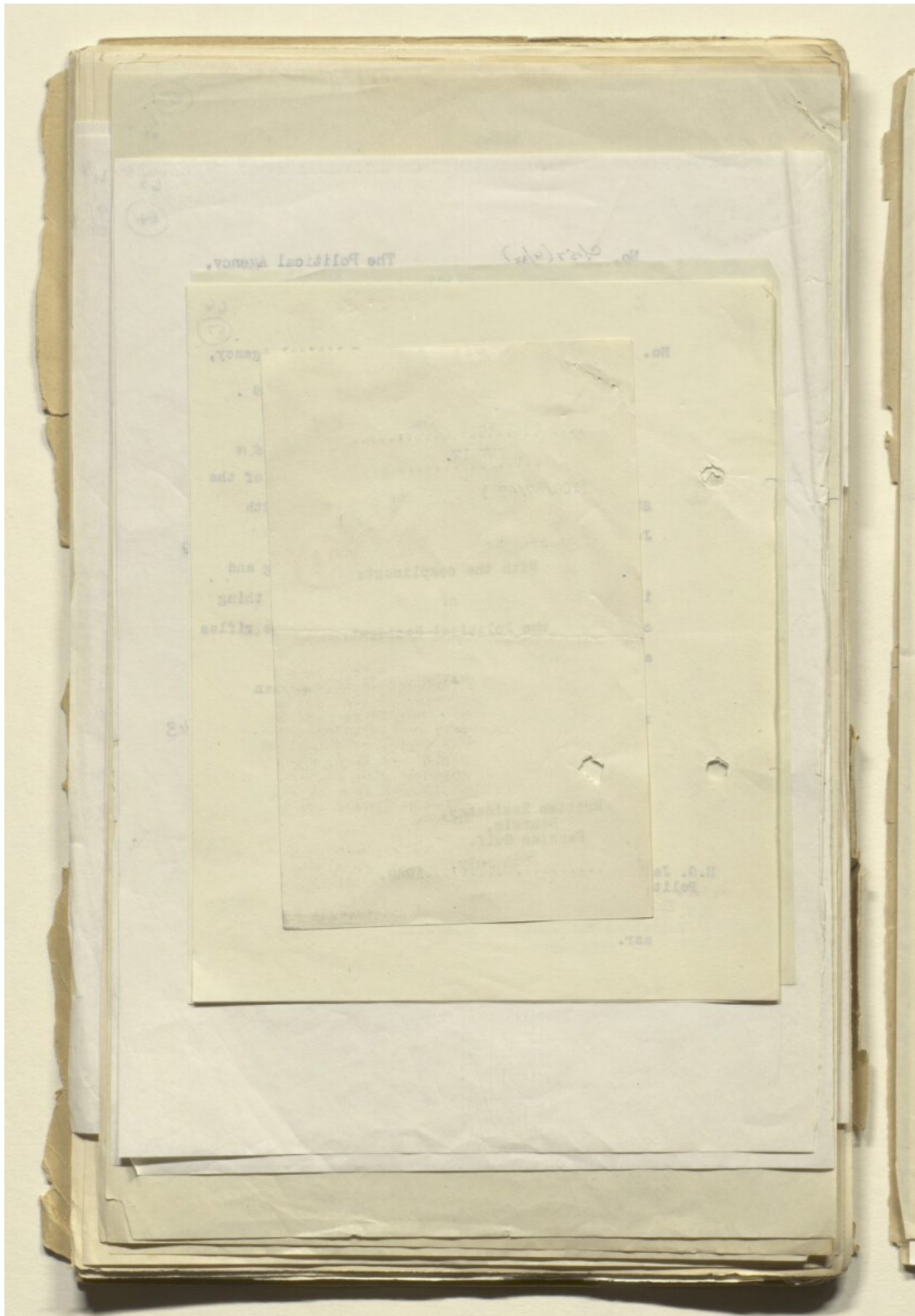
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H.G. Jakins, Esq.,
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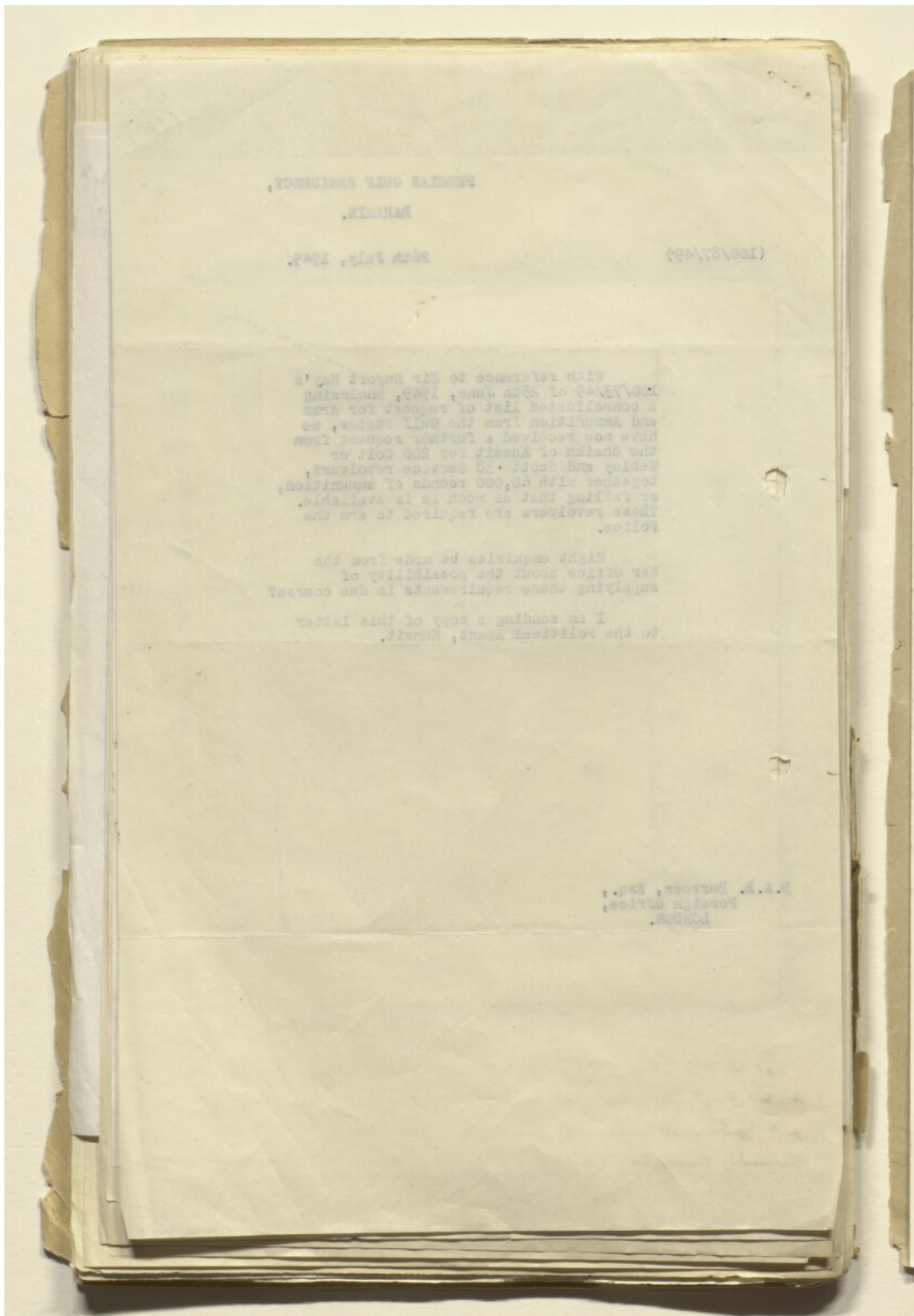
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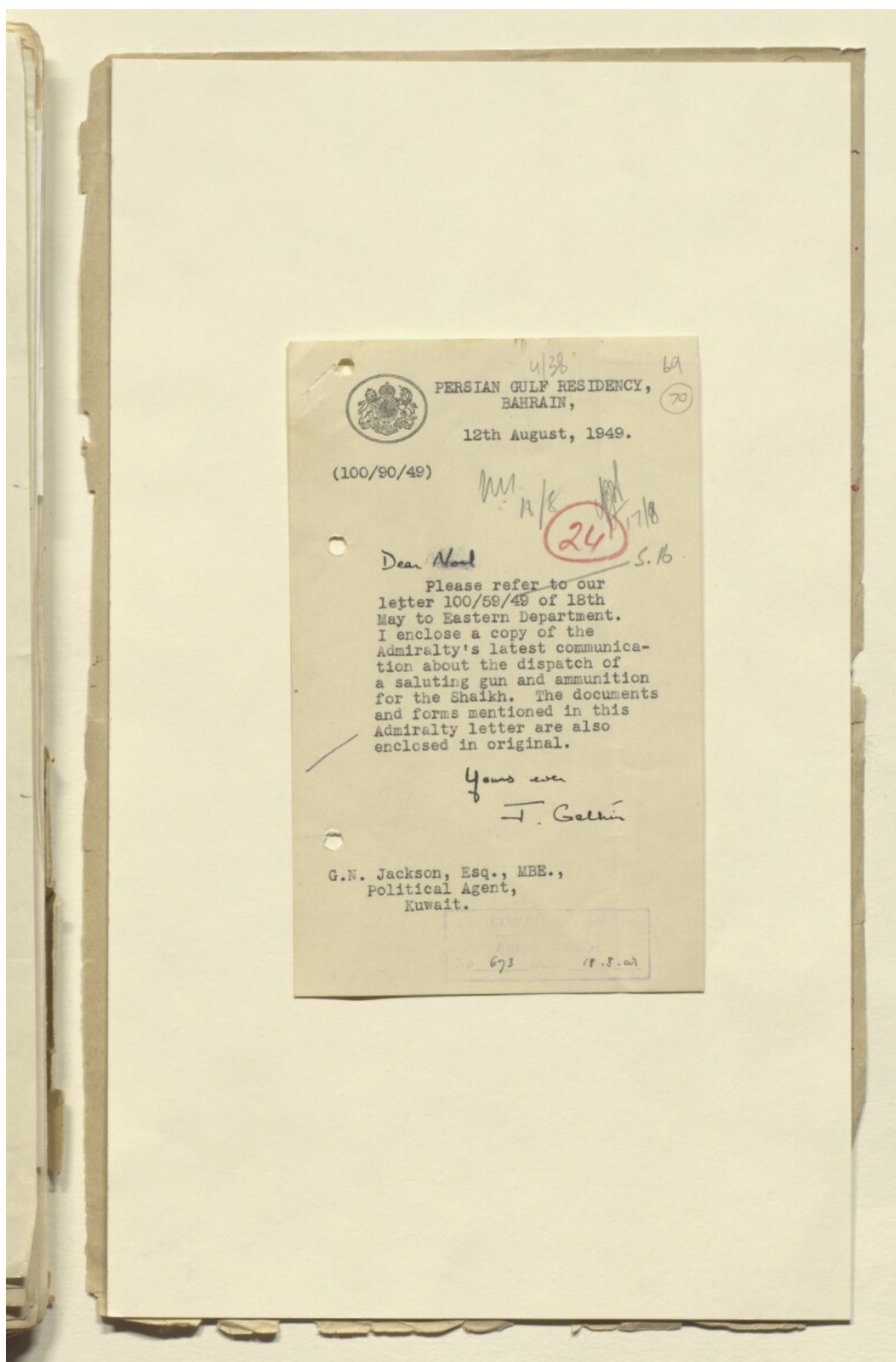
not used.
With reference to Sir Rupert Hay's 100/73/49 of 25th June, 1949, enclosing a consolidated list of request for Arms and Ammunition from the Gulf States, we have now received a further request from the Shaikh of Kuwait for 200 Colt or Webley and Scott .38 Service revolvers, together with 60,000 rounds of ammunition, or failing that as much as is available. These revolvers are required to arm the Police.

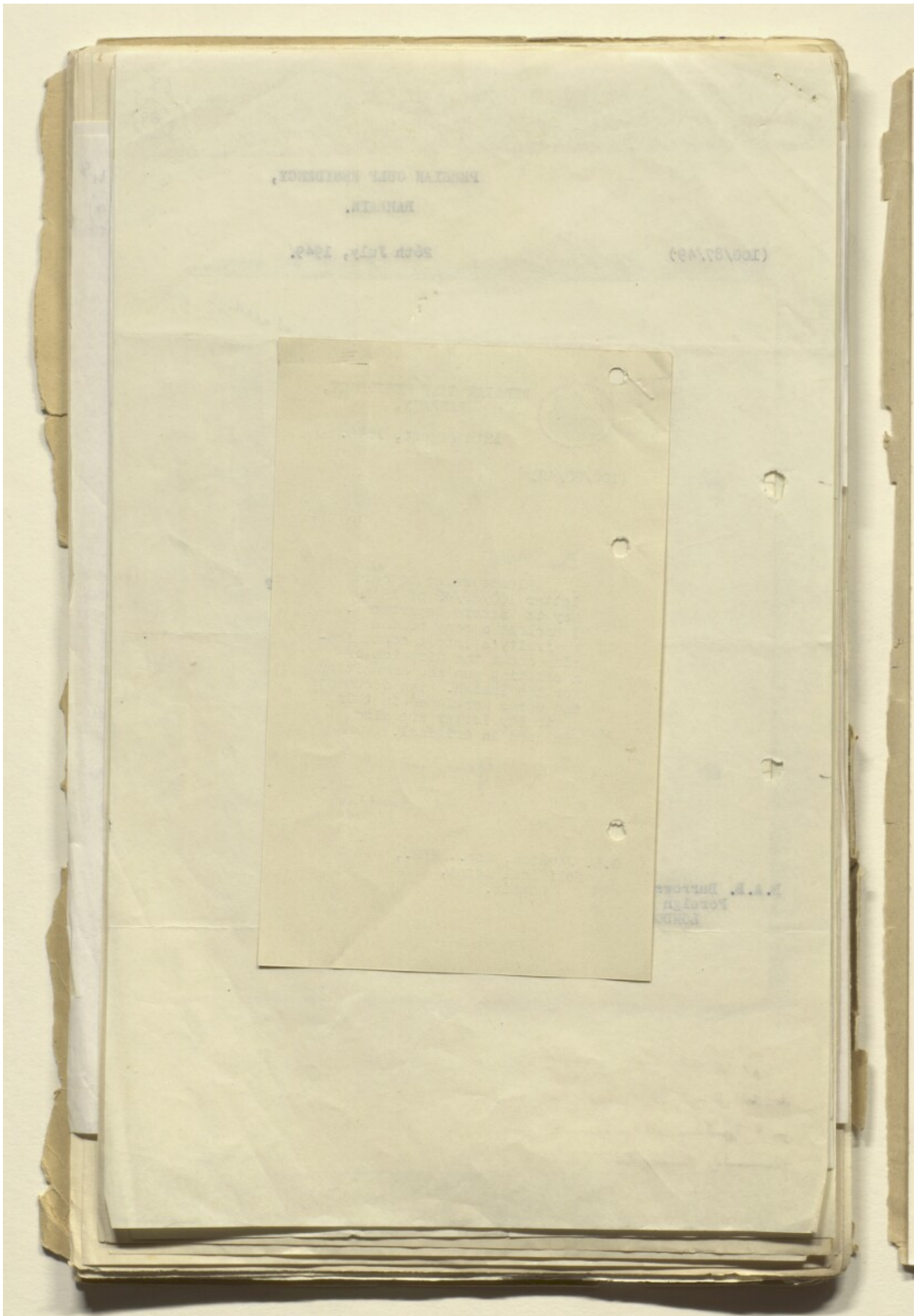
Might enquiries be made from the War Office about the possibility of supplying these requirements in due course?

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

B.A.B. Burrows, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
LONDON.









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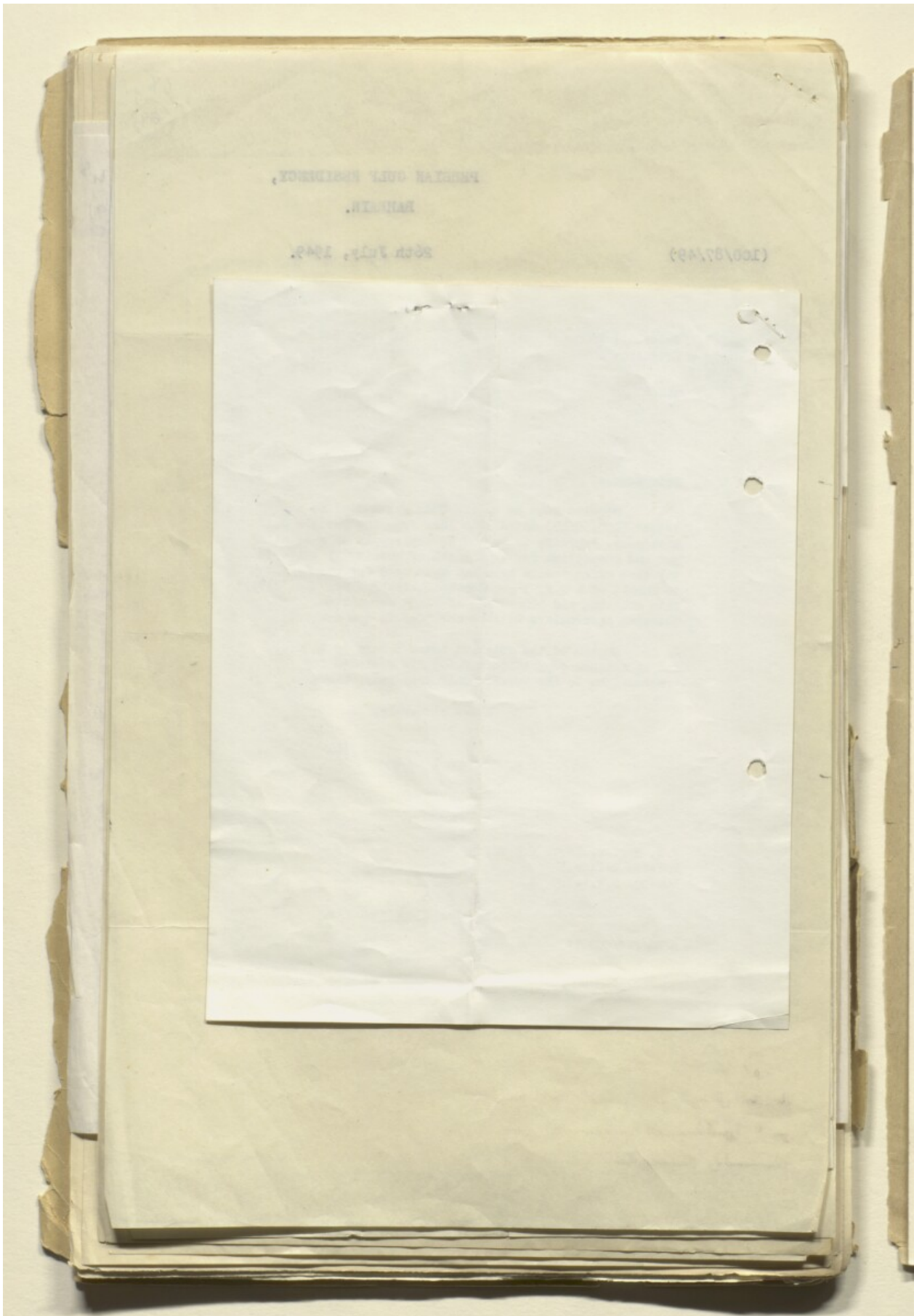
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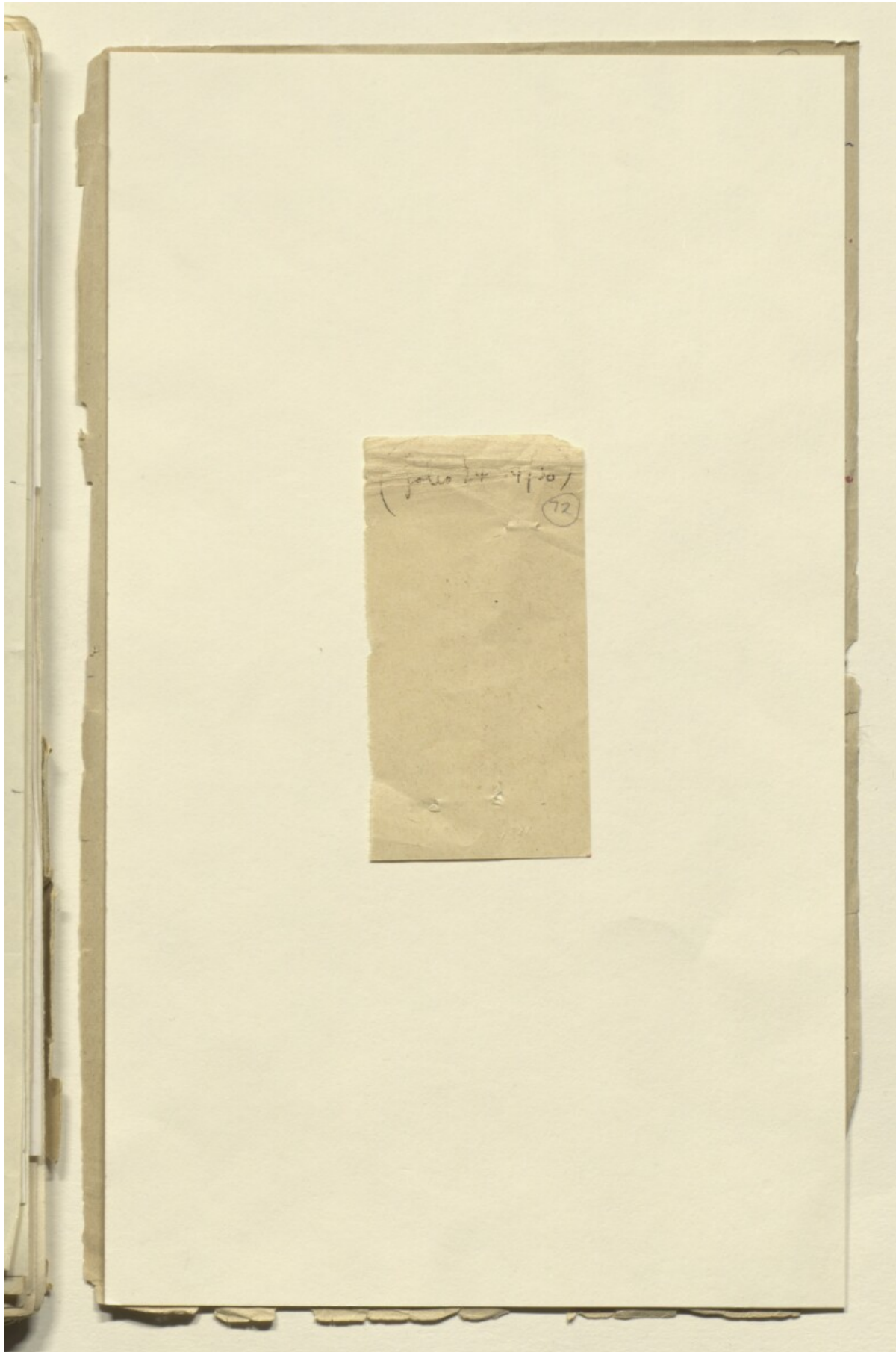
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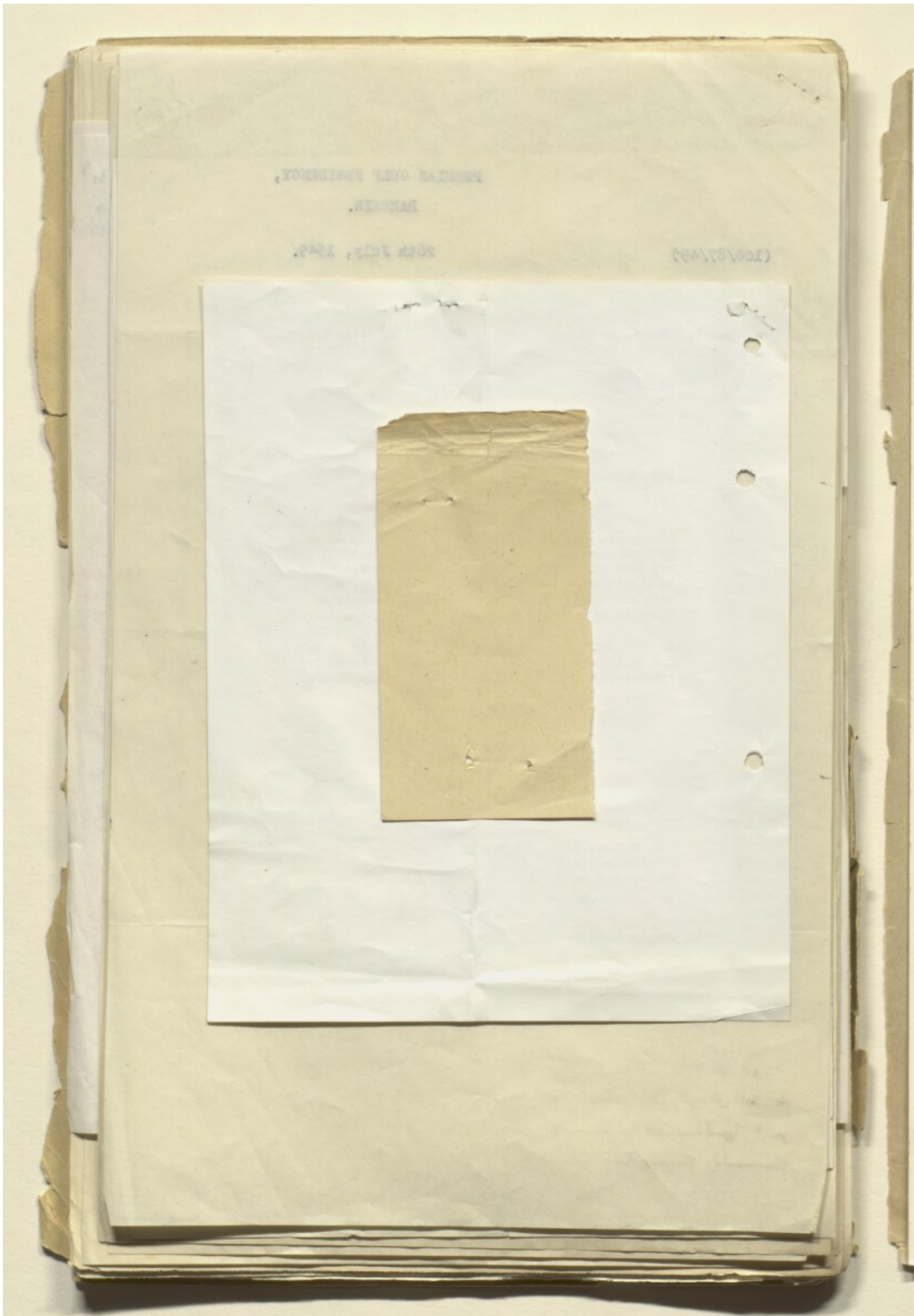
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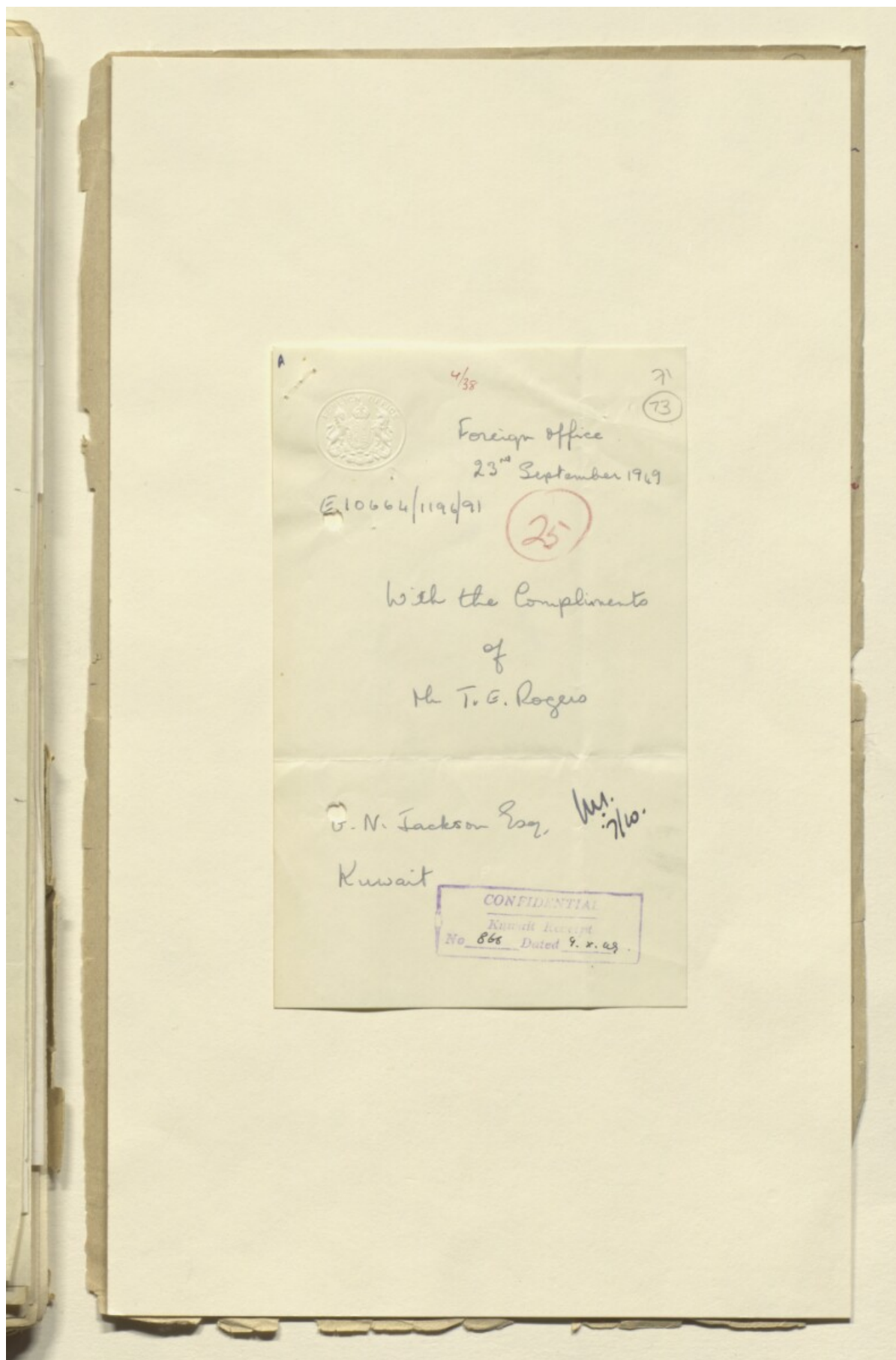
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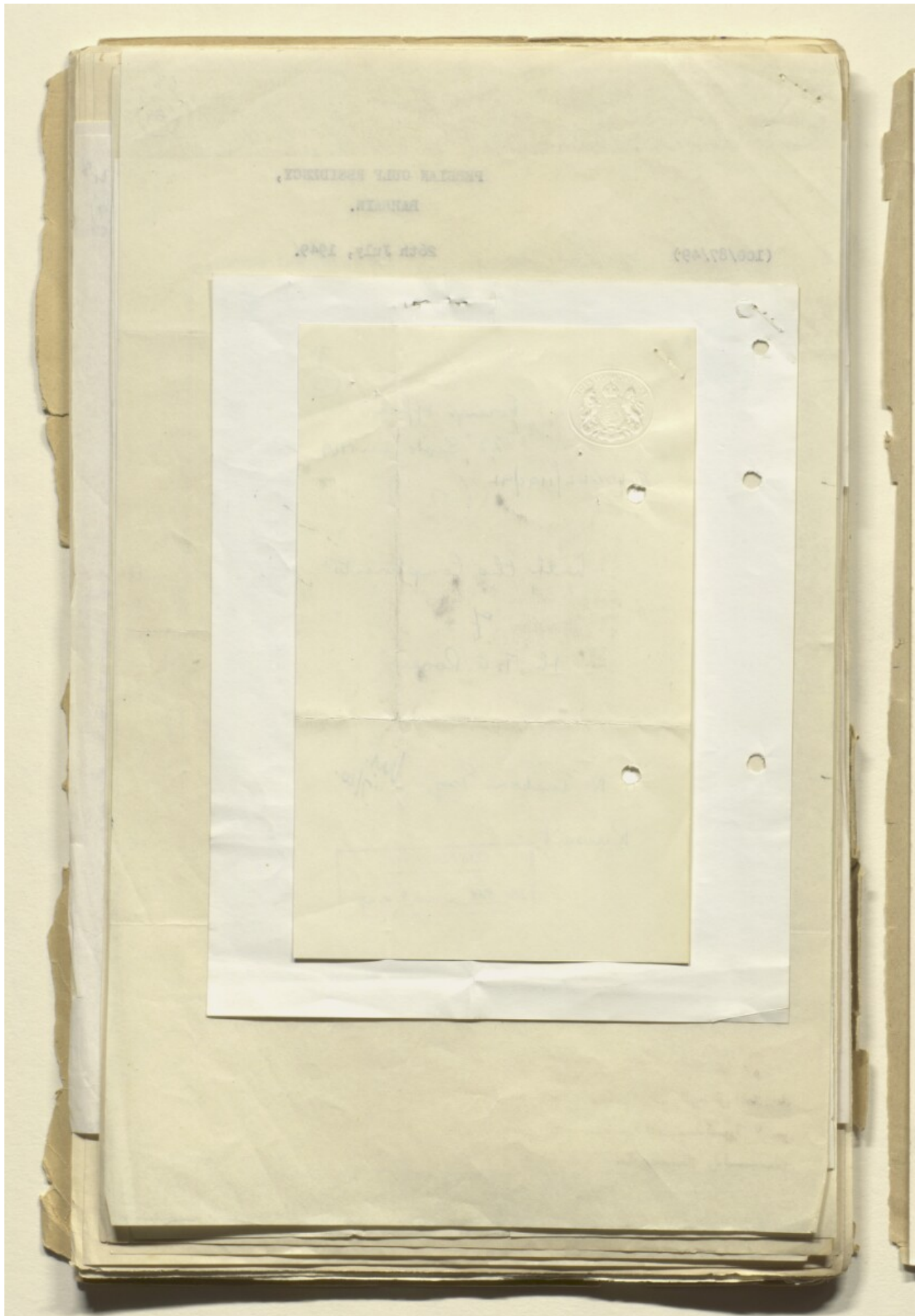
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(E.10664/1196/91)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

23rd September, 1949

Dear Sir Rupert

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Will you please refer to Jakins' letter No.100/87/49 of 26th July, 1949 on the subject of a request from the Shaikh of Kuwait for revolvers.

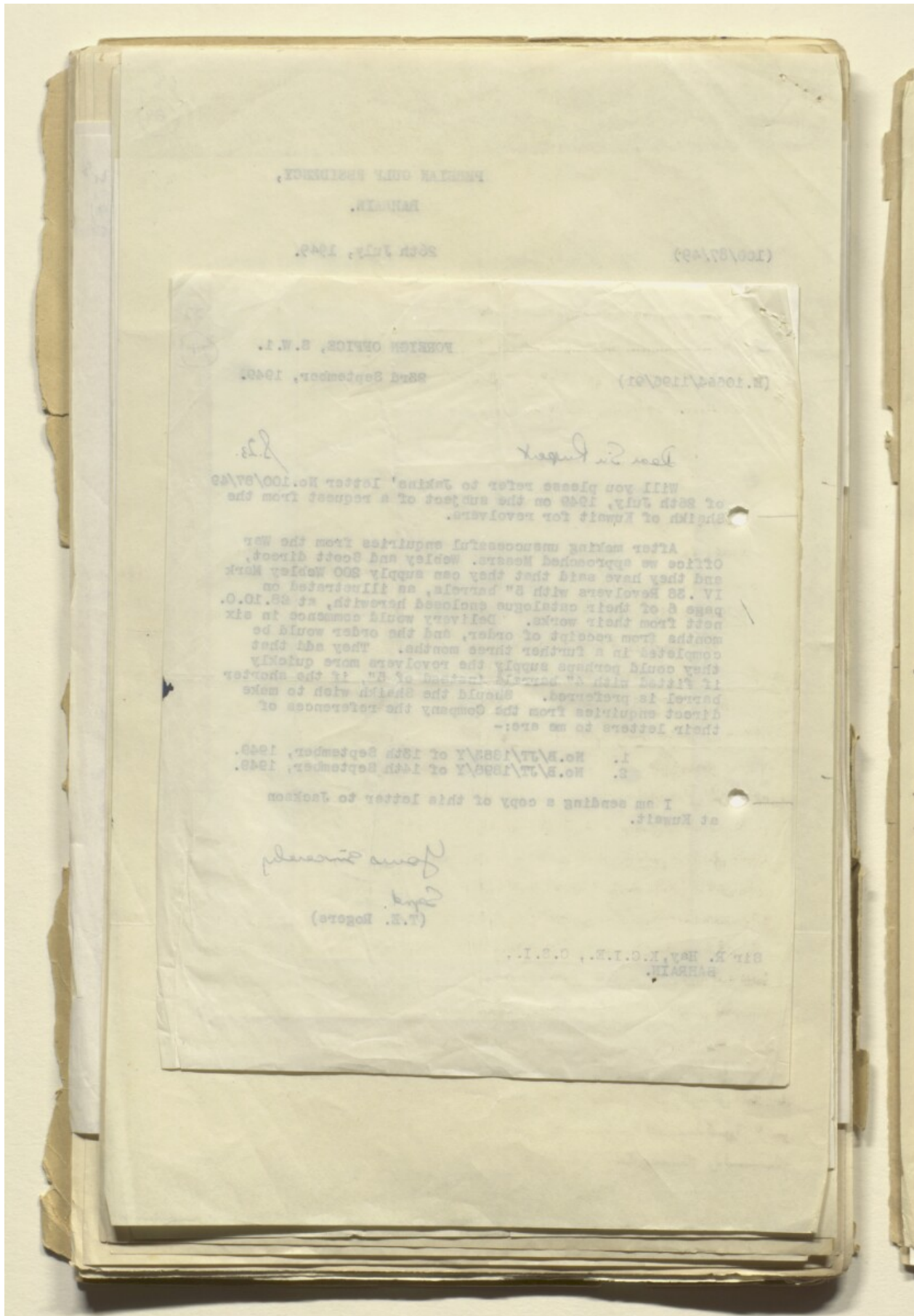
After making unsuccessful enquiries from the War Office we approached Messrs. Webley and Scott direct, and they have said that they can supply 200 Webley Mark IV .38 Revolvers with 5" barrels, as illustrated on page 6 of their catalogue enclosed herewith, at £8.10.0. nett from their works. Delivery would commence in six months from receipt of order, and the order would be completed in a further three months. They add that they could perhaps supply the revolvers more quickly if fitted with 4" barrels instead of 5", if the shorter barrel is preferred. Should the Shaikh wish to make direct enquiries from the Company the references of their letters to me are:-

1. No.E/JT/1883/Y of 13th September, 1949.
2. No.E/JT/1896/Y of 14th September, 1949.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Jackson at Kuwait.

Yours sincerely
Synd.
(T.E. Rogers)

Sir R. Hay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
BAHRAIN.





رقم ٢٢١ (4/38) No. 221(4/38). The Political Agency,
دار الاعتماد
Kuwait.
التوقيت ١٨ أكتوبر ١٩٤٩ 18th October, 1949.

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حضرة صاحب السمو الشيخ سر
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His Highness
Sheikh Sir Ahmed al Jabir
as Subah, KCSI., KCIE.,
Ruler of Kuwait.

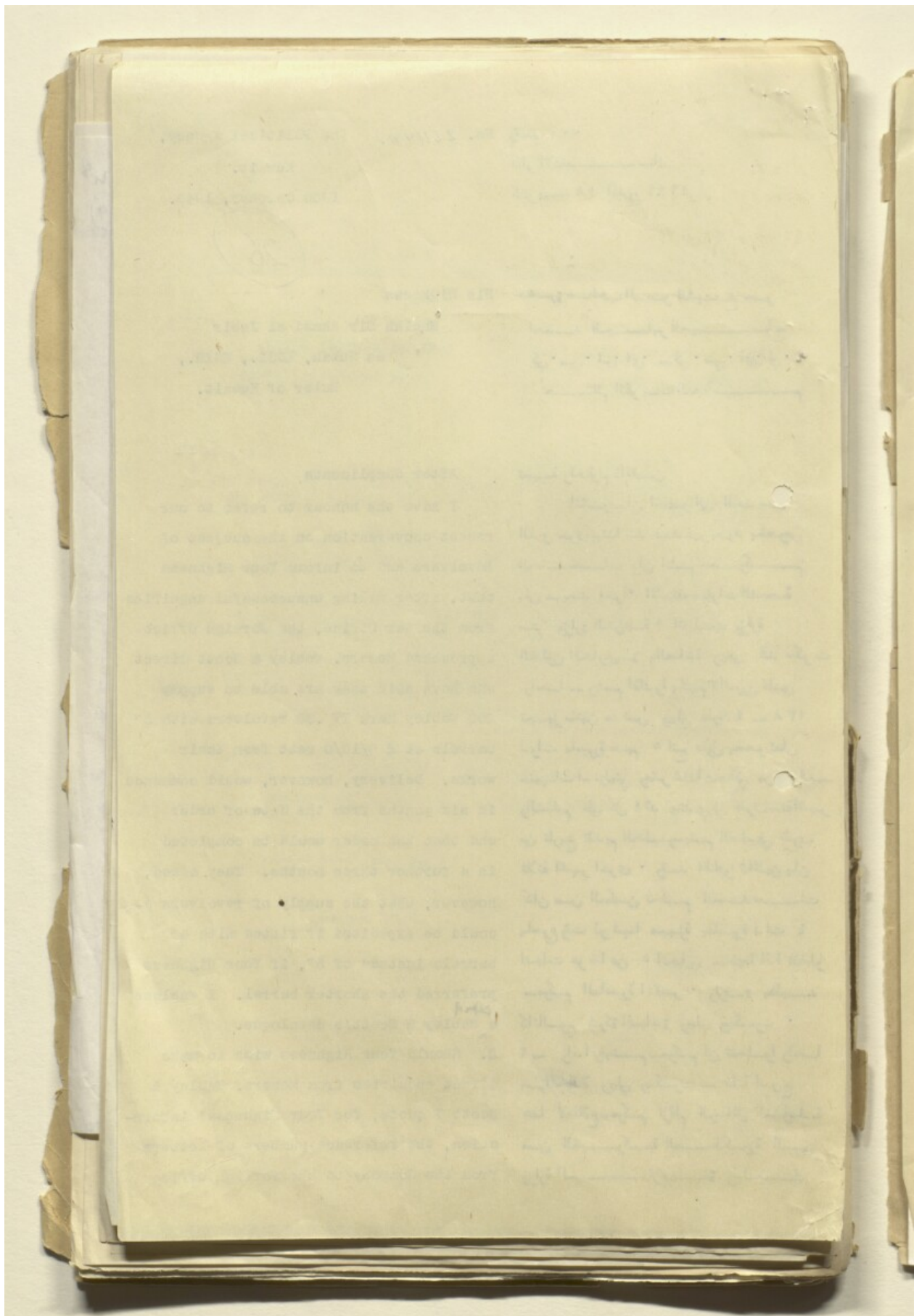
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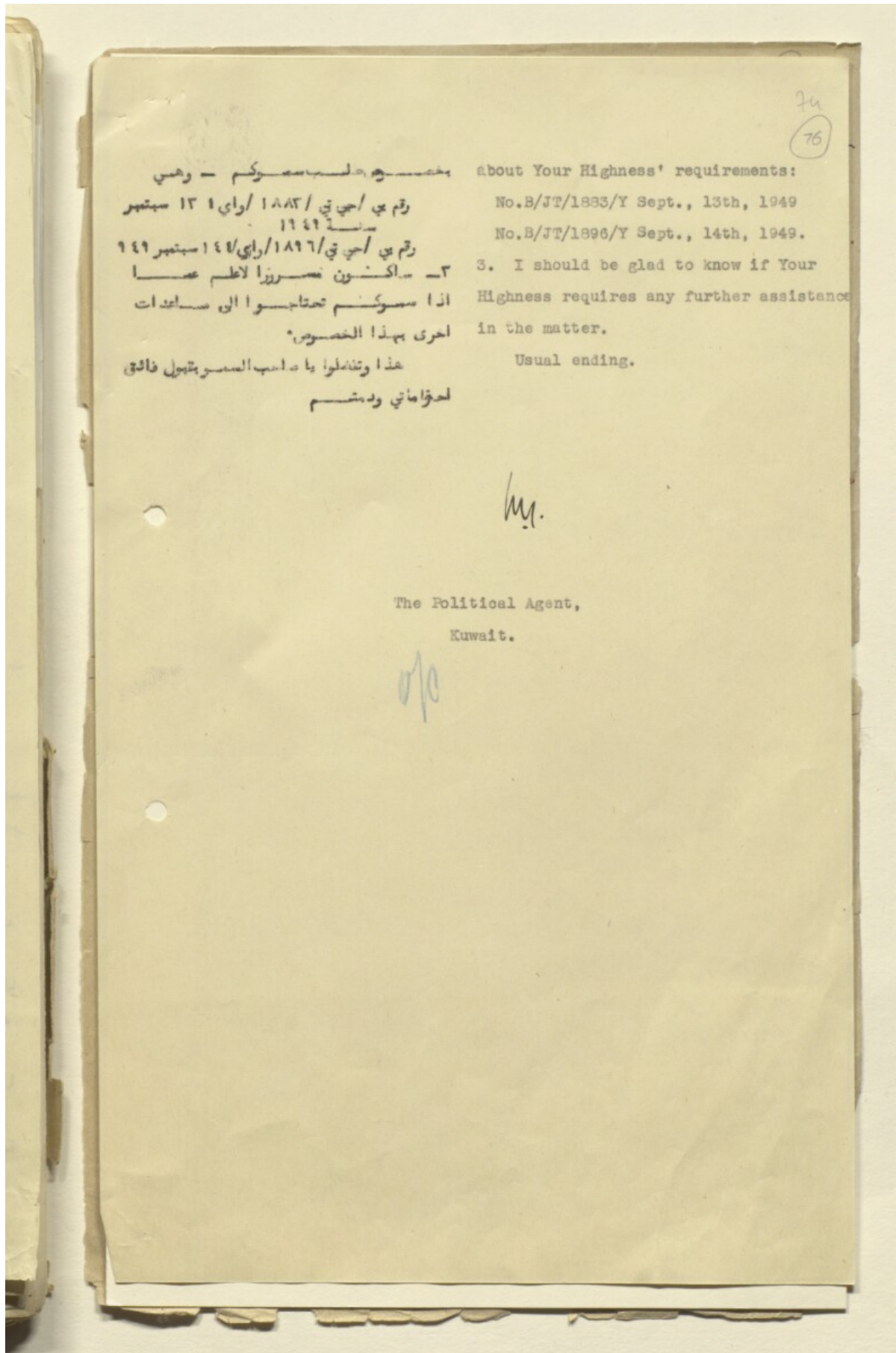
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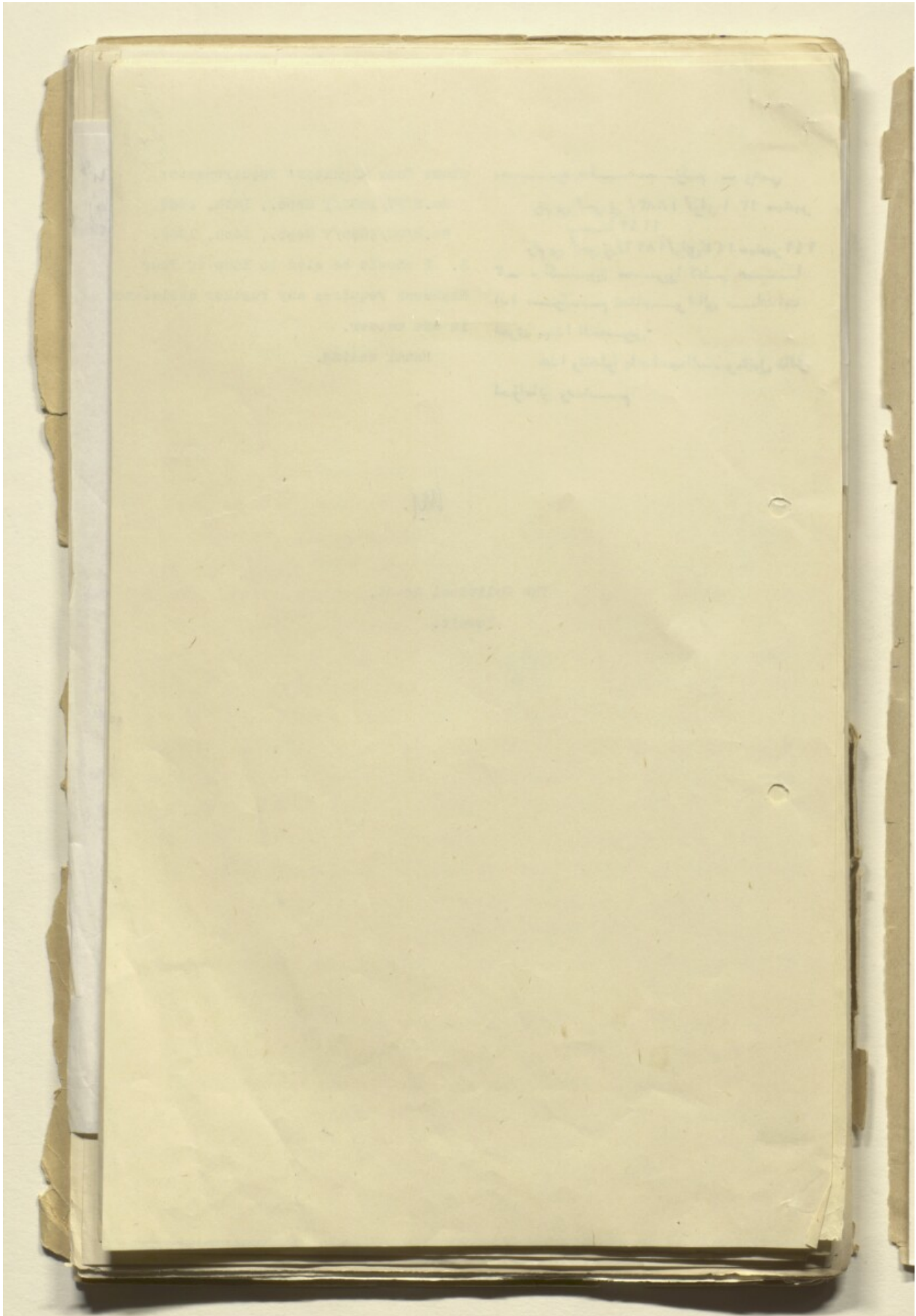
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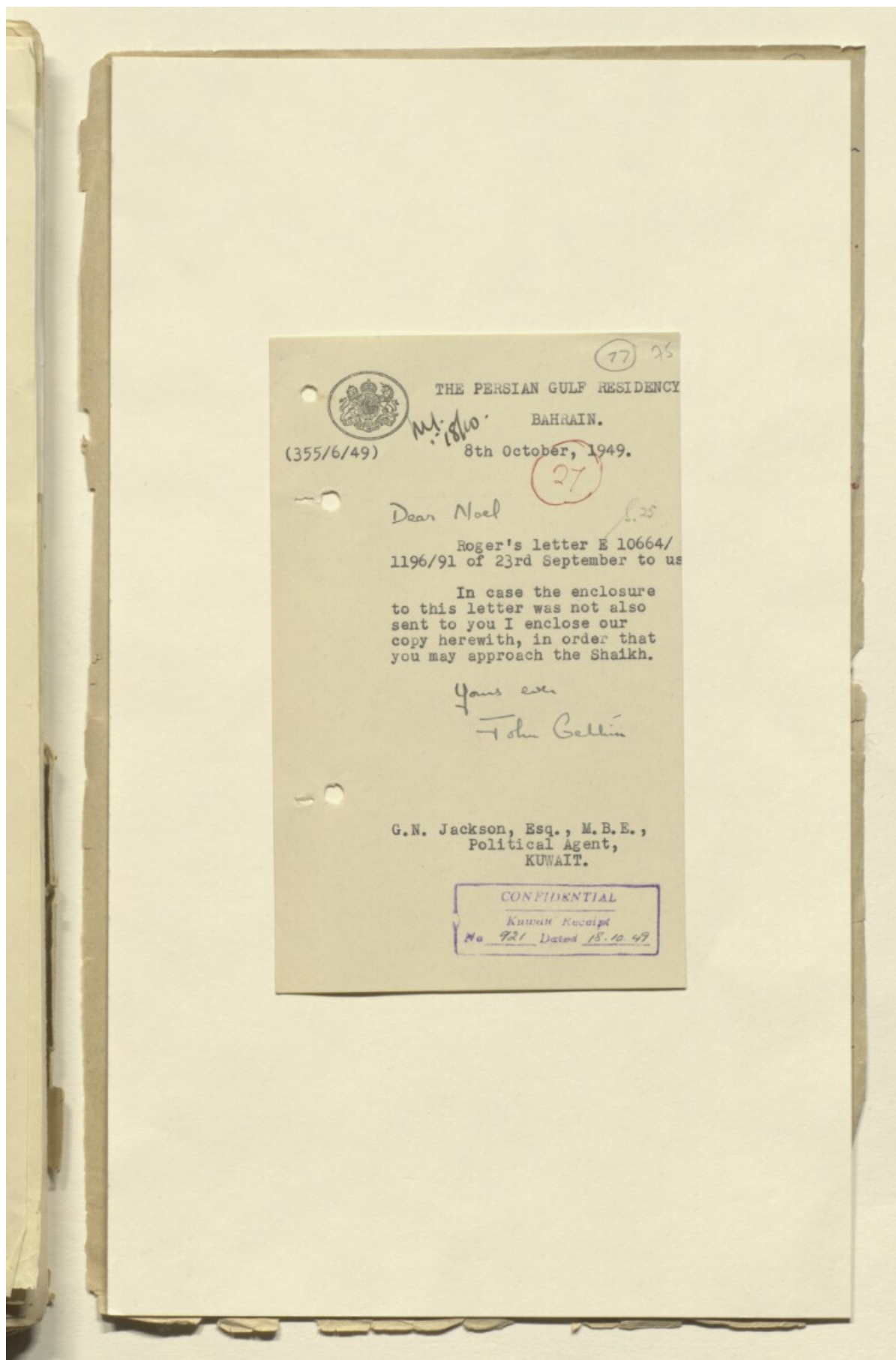
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الذي جرى بيننا منذ عهد غير بعيد بخصوص
المسدسات وان اعظم سمومكم
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مع وزارة الشرطة اتمتت وزارة
الشؤون الخارجية بالسادة ويبي اند سكوت
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تجهيز مئتين مدس ويبي مارك ٤ - ١٢٨
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التسليم على كل اقد يجتدي في ظرف ستة اشهر
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٢ - واذا رغبتم سمومكم ان تصلوا راسا
مم السادة ويبي وسكوت - فاننا ادرج
هنا لاطلاع سمومكم ارقام الرسائل المتبادلة
من الشركة المذكورة الى
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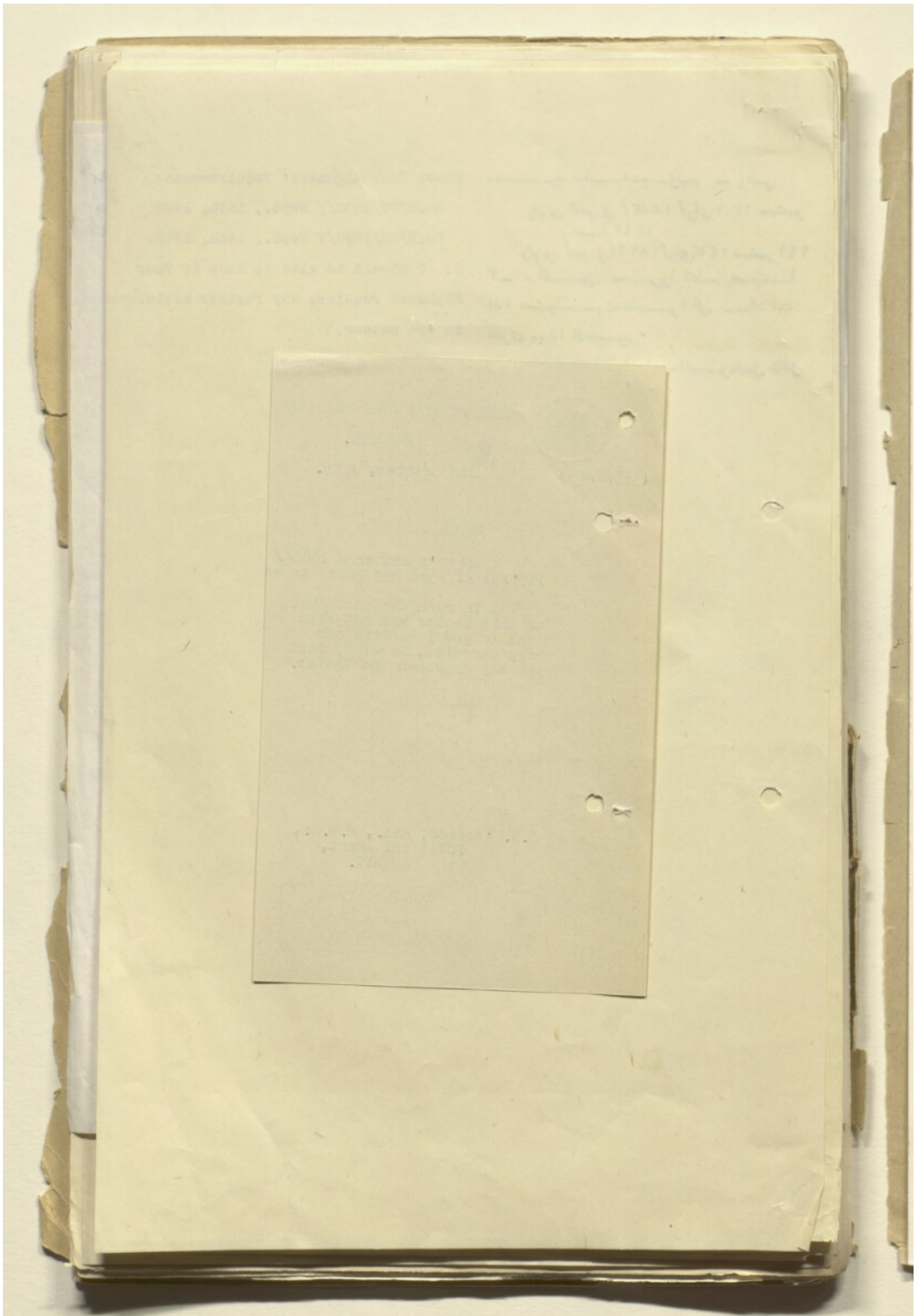
I have the honour to refer to our
recent conversation on the subject of
Revolvers and to inform Your Highness
that, after making unsuccessful enquiries
from the War Office, the Foreign Office
approached Messrs. Webley & Scott direct
who have said they are able to supply
200 Webley Mark IV .38 revolvers with 5"
barrels at £ 8/10/0 nett from their
works. Delivery, however, would commence
in six months from the date of order
and that the order would be completed
in a further three months. They added,
however, that the supply of revolvers
could be expedited if fitted with 4"
barrels instead of 5", if Your Highness
preferred the shorter barrel. I enclose
a Webley & Scott's catalogue.
2. Should Your Highness wish to make
direct enquiries from Messrs. Webley &
Scott I quote, for Your Highness' inform-
ation, the reference numbers of letters
from the Company to the Foreign Office













TELEGRAM.

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From:- BAHRAIN To:- KUWAIT

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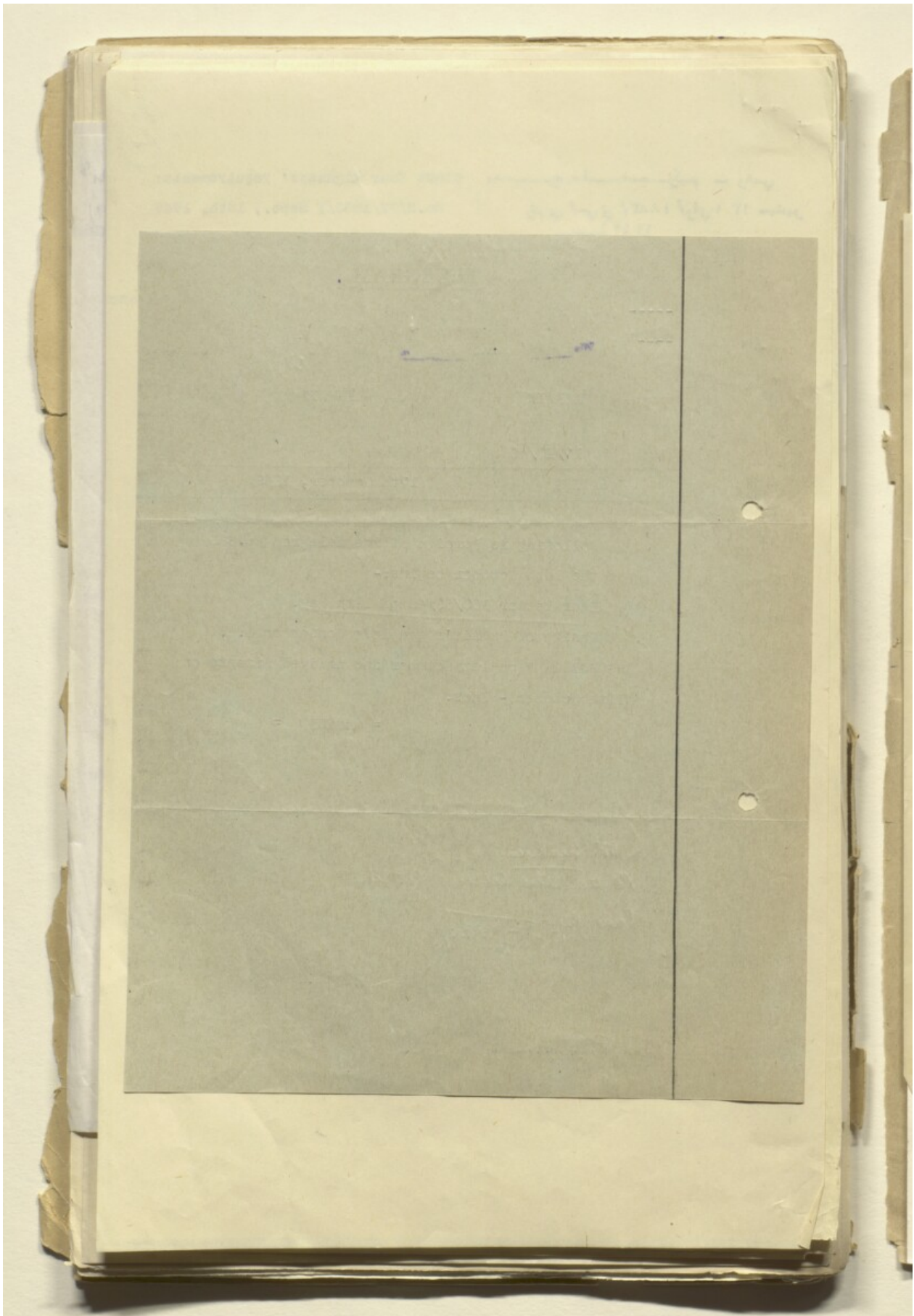
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of the 14th October begins:-
Your letter 100/59/49 of 18th May.
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11th October - Ends.

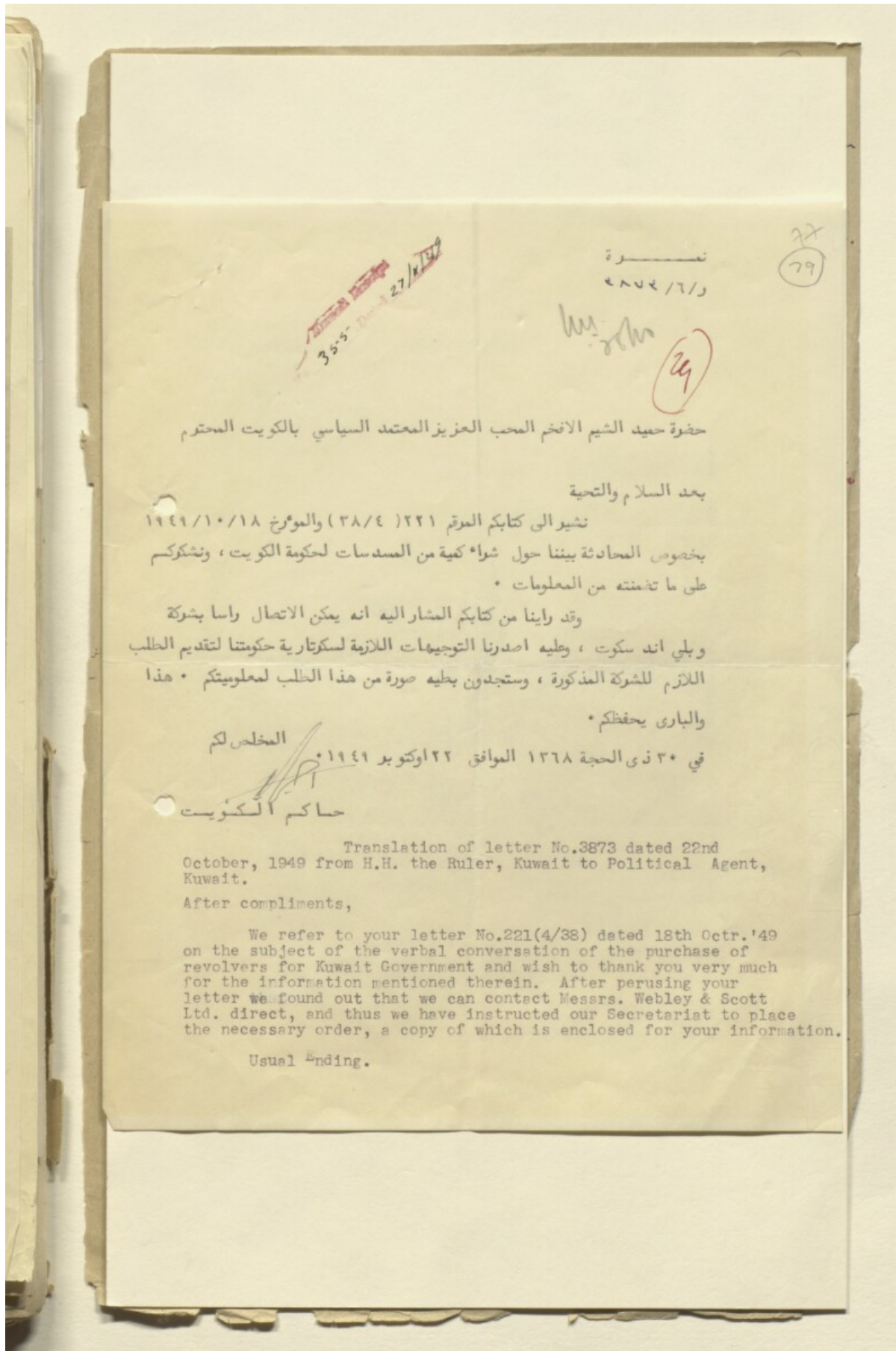
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Please see this letter & let me
know file. 26/10

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حضرة حميد الشيم الاخضر المحب العزيز المعتمد السياسي بالكويت المحترم

بعد السلام والتحية

نشير الى كتابكم المرقم (٢٢١/٤) (٣٨/٤) والمؤرخ ١٨/١٠/١٩٤٩
بخصوص المحادثة بيننا حول شراء كمية من المسدسات لحكومة الكويت ، ونشكركم
على ما تضمنته من المعلومات .

وقد راينا من كتابكم المشار اليه انه يمكن الاتصال راسا بشركة
ويلي اند سكوت ، وطلبه اصدارنا التوجيهات اللازمة لسكوتارية حكومتنا لتقديم الطلب
اللازم للشركة المذكورة ، وستجدون بطلبه صورة من هذا الطلب لمعلوماتكم . هذا
والبارى يحفظكم .

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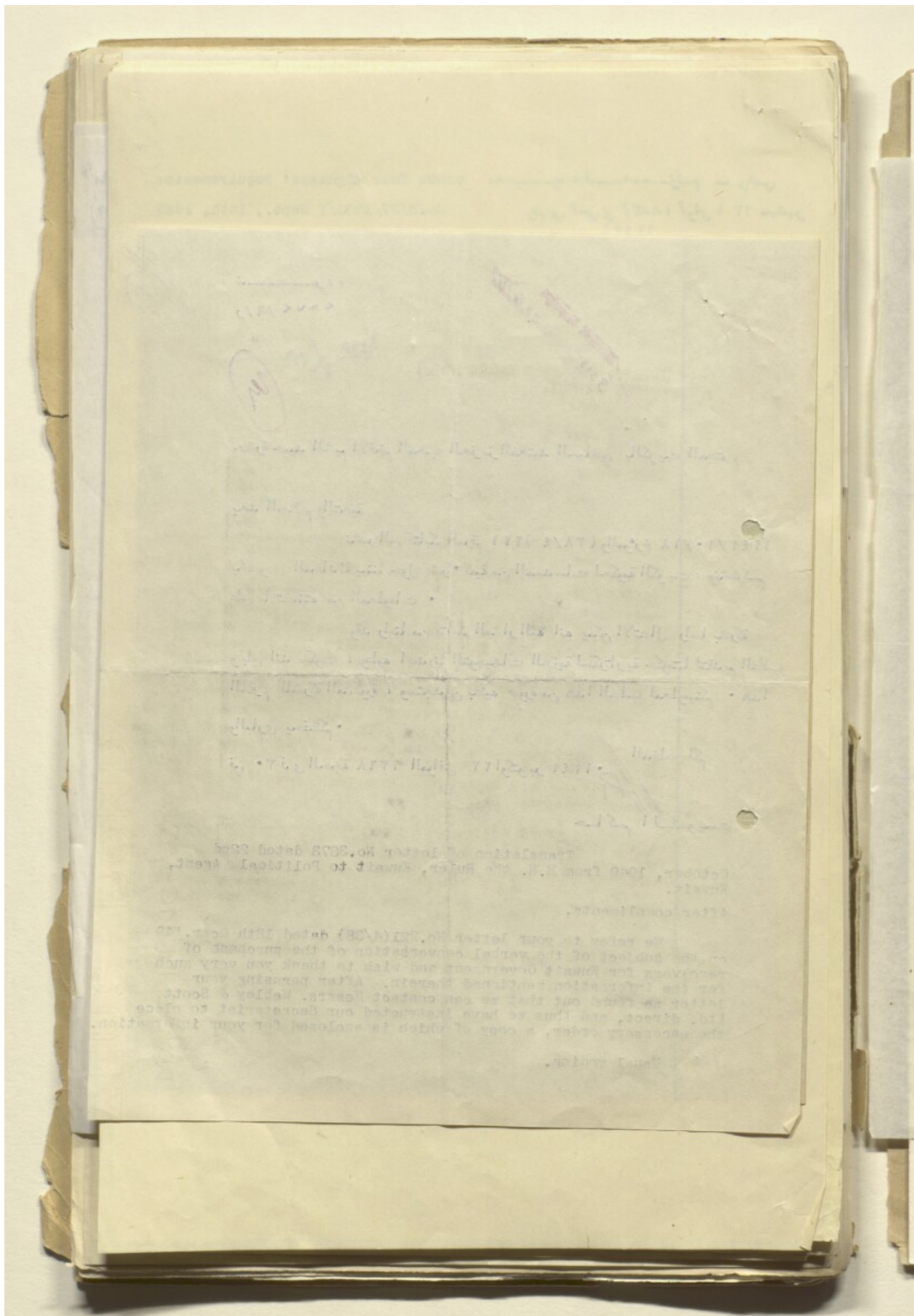
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حاكم الكويت

Translation of letter No.3873 dated 22nd
October, 1949 from H.H. the Ruler, Kuwait to Political Agent,
Kuwait.

After compliments,

We refer to your letter No.221(4/38) dated 18th Octr.'49
on the subject of the verbal conversation of the purchase of
revolvers for Kuwait Government and wish to thank you very much
for the information mentioned therein. After perusing your
letter we found out that we can contact Messrs. Webley & Scott
Ltd. direct, and thus we have instructed our Secretariat to place
the necessary order, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Usual ending.





22nd October, 1949.

Messrs. Webley & Scott Ltd.,
Weaman Street,
Birmingham,
England.

Dear Sirs,

No. B/JT/1883/Y Sept. 13th, 1949
No. B/JT/1896/Y Sept. 14th, 1949

I am directed by His Highness the Shaikh of Kuwait to refer you to the above correspondence between yourselves and the British Foreign Office with regard to the purchase of Mark IV .38 Revolvers for the Kuwait Government.

His Highness has decided to purchase the following and should be obliged if you will place this order in hand with immediate effect:-

188 Webley "MARK IV" .38 Revolvers with 5" Barrels
12 Webley "MARK IV" .38 Revolvers Pocket Model
100,000 Rounds .38 Ammunition, 145 Grains, Smokeless.

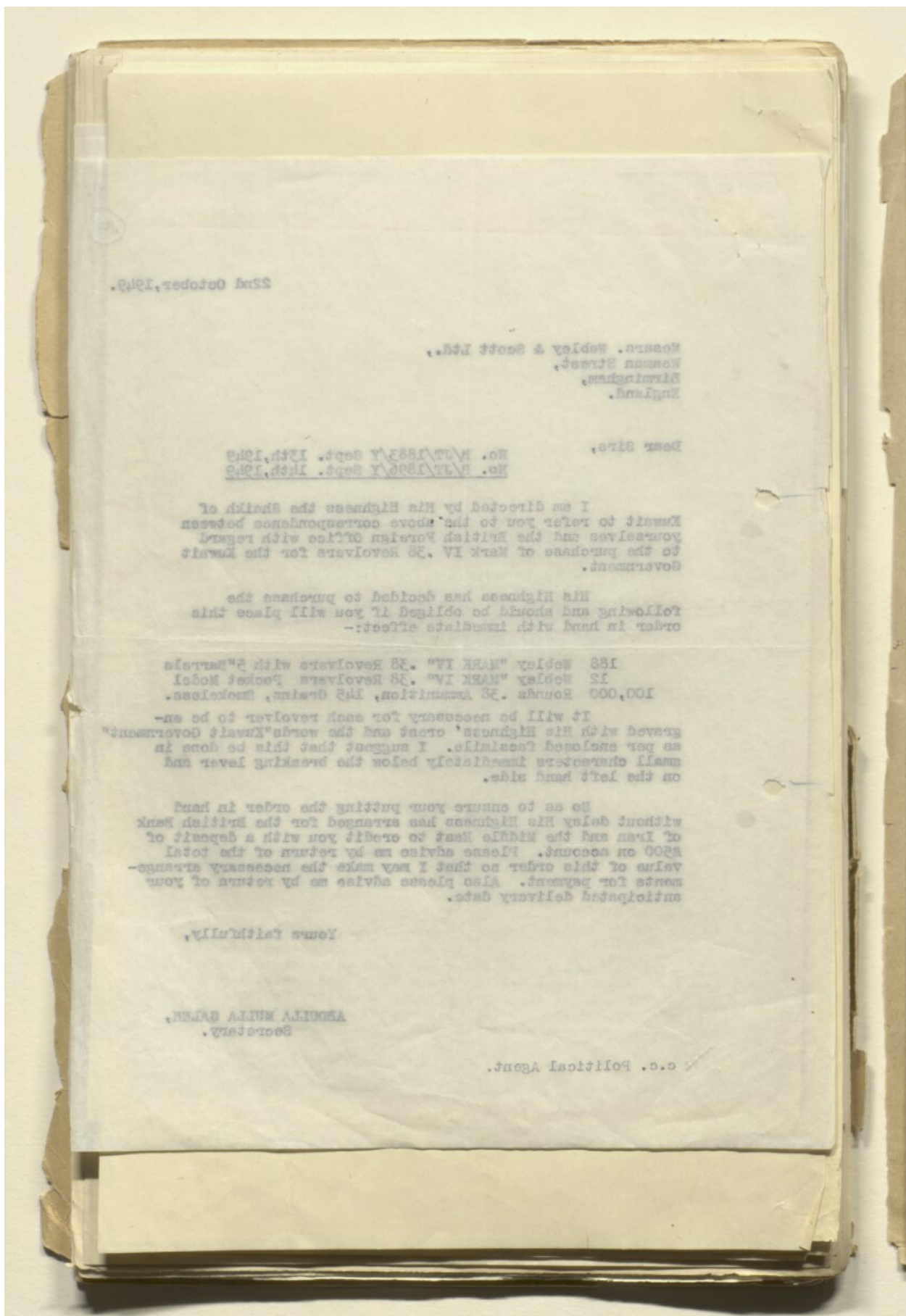
It will be necessary for each revolver to be engraved with His Highness' crest and the words "Kuwait Government" as per enclosed facsimile. I suggest that this be done in small characters immediately below the breaking lever and on the left hand side.

So as to ensure your putting the order in hand without delay His Highness has arranged for the British Bank of Iran and the Middle East to credit you with a deposit of £500 on account. Please advise me by return of the total value of this order so that I may make the necessary arrangements for payment. Also please advise me by return of your anticipated delivery date.

Yours faithfully,

ABDULLA MULLA SALEH,
Secretary.

✓ c.c. Political Agent.



22nd October, 1919.

Messrs. Wapley & Scott Ltd.,
Newman Street,
Birmingham,
England.

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188 Wapley "MARK IV" .38 Revolvers with "Barnes"
12 Wapley "MARK IV" .38 Revolvers Foster Model
100,000 Rounds .38 Ammunition, 145 Grains, Smokeless.

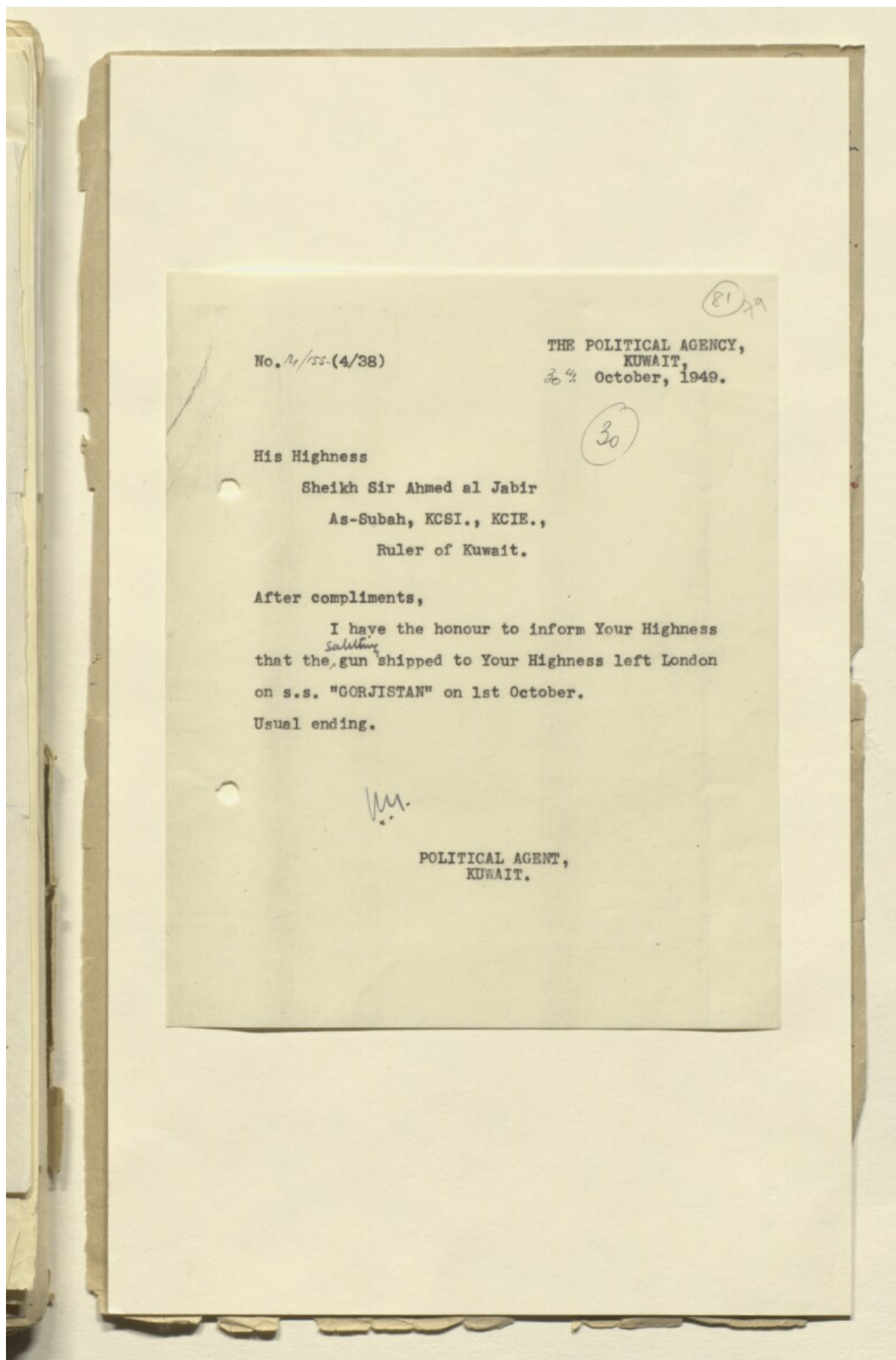
It will be necessary for each revolver to be en-
graved with His Highness' crest and the words "Kuwait Government"
on the engraved facsimile. I suggest that this be done in
small characters immediately below the breeching lever and
on the left hand side.

So as to ensure your putting the order in hand
without delay His Highness has arranged for the British Bank
of India and the Middle East to credit you with a deposit of
£500 on account. Please advise me by return of the total
value of this order so that I may make the necessary arrange-
ments for payment. Also please advise me by return of your
anticipated delivery date.

Yours faithfully,

ABDULLA MULLA BAKER,
Secretary.

c.c. Political Agent.



No. *24*/55-(4/38)

THE POLITICAL AGENCY,
KUWAIT,
*30*th October, 1949.

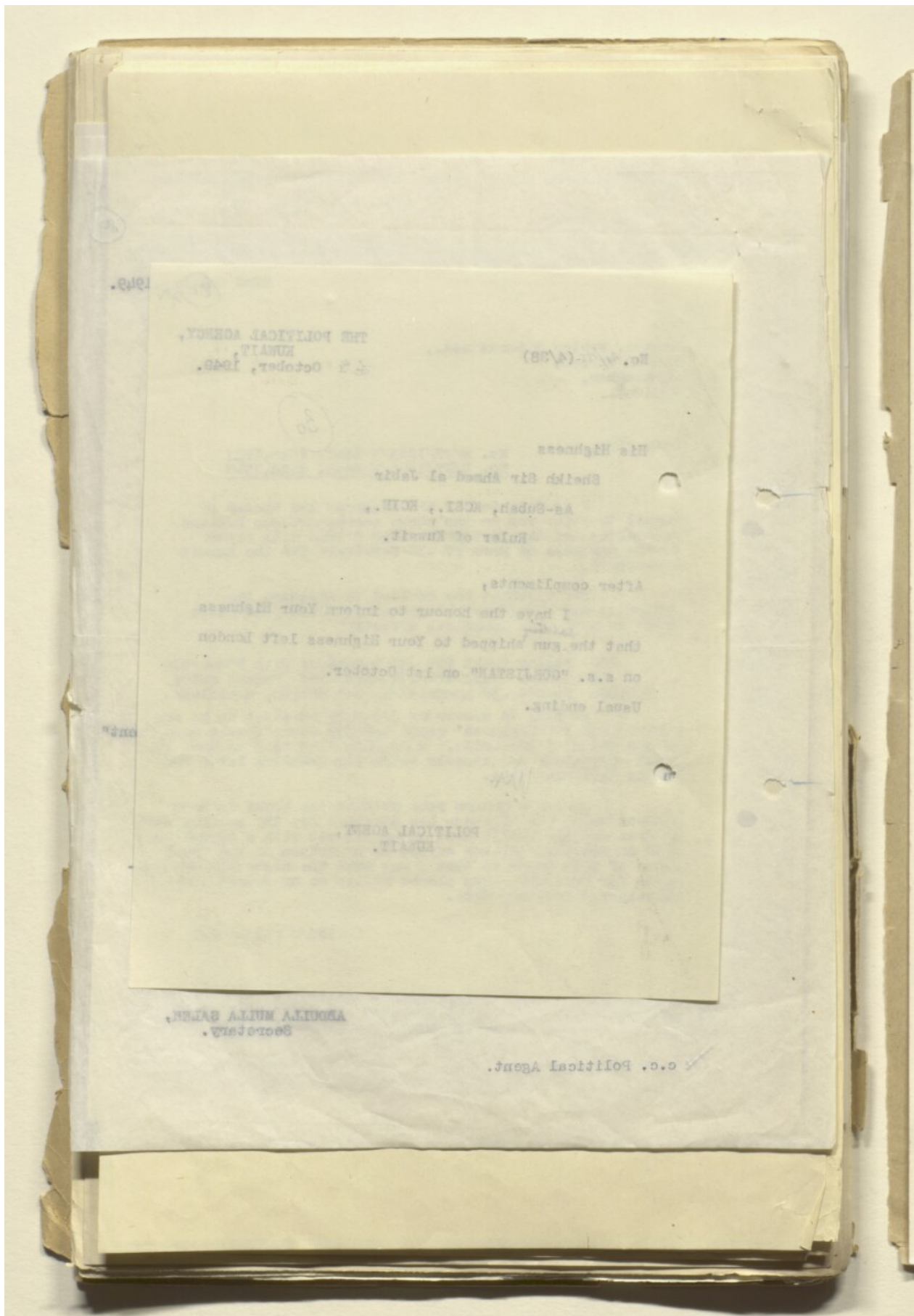
His Highness

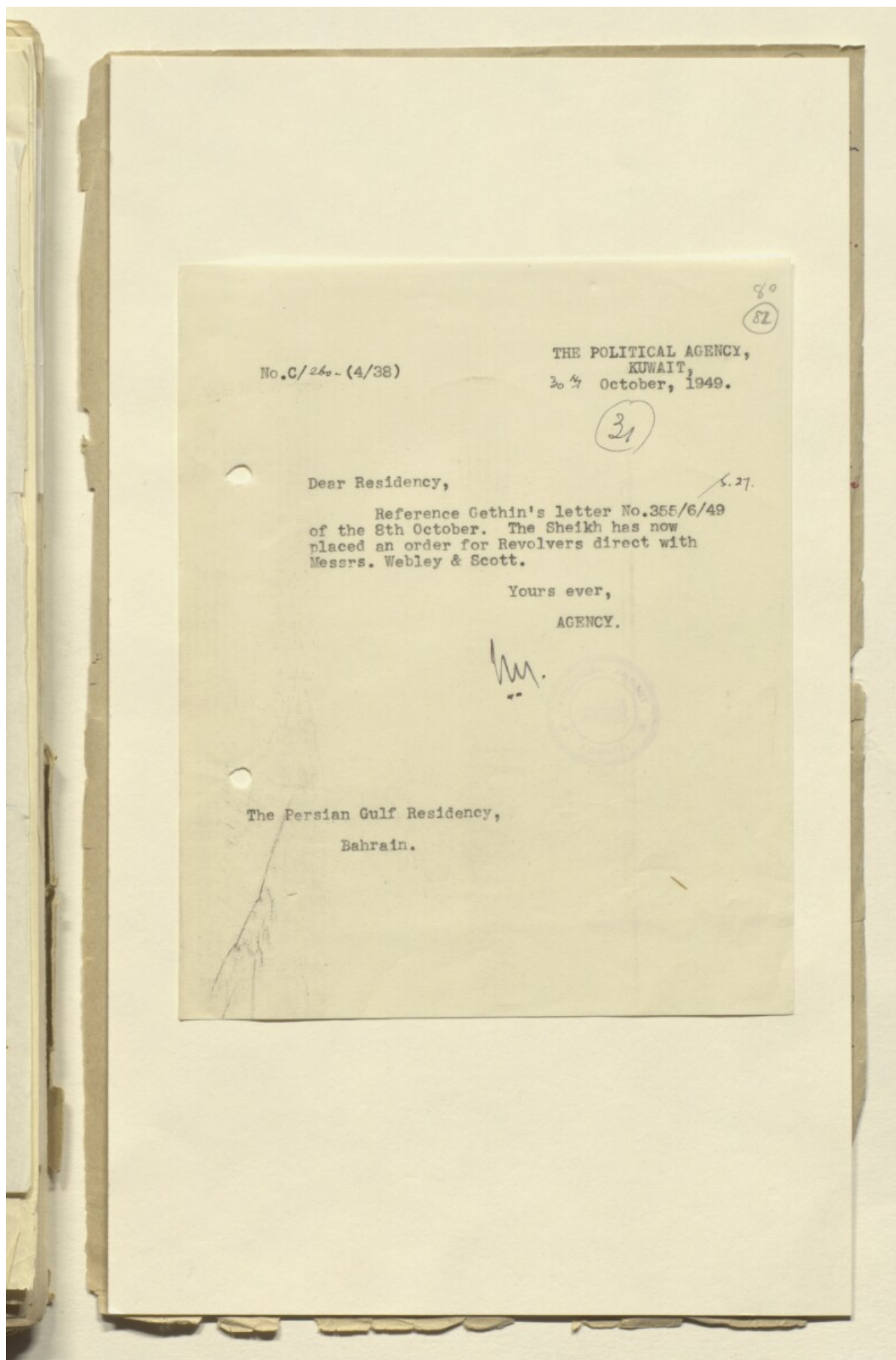
Sheikh Sir Ahmed al Jabir
As-Subah, KCSI., KCIE.,
Ruler of Kuwait.

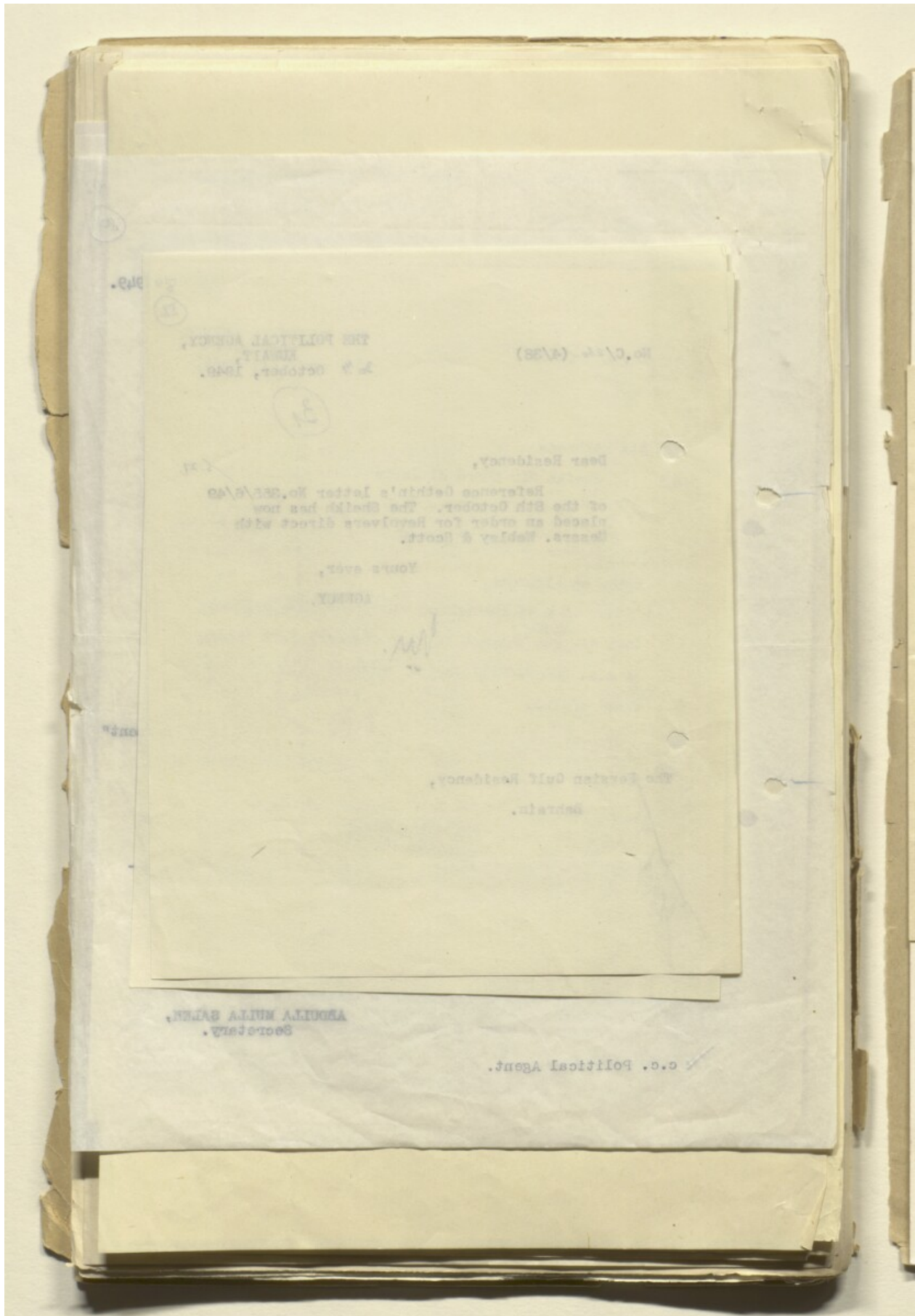
After compliments,

I have the honour to inform Your Highness
that the ^{saluting} gun shipped to Your Highness left London
on s.s. "GORJISTAN" on 1st October.
Usual ending.

M.
POLITICAL AGENT,
KUWAIT.









REGISTERED AIR LETTER MAIL

From:- DIRECTOR OF MOVEMENTS (F1B) :
ADMIRALTY, :
WHITEHALL, :
LONDON, S.W.1. :
17th Oct: 1949

To:- The Political Agent :
KUWAIT :
PERSIAN GULF :

Ref. Mov. (F1B) 8344... S/S "GORJISTAN"
From London to KUWAIT

The attached signed consignee's Bill(s) of Landing (... 24... No.)
received by Shipping Agents too late for despatch in Ship's Bag ~~are~~ forwarded
for necessary action.

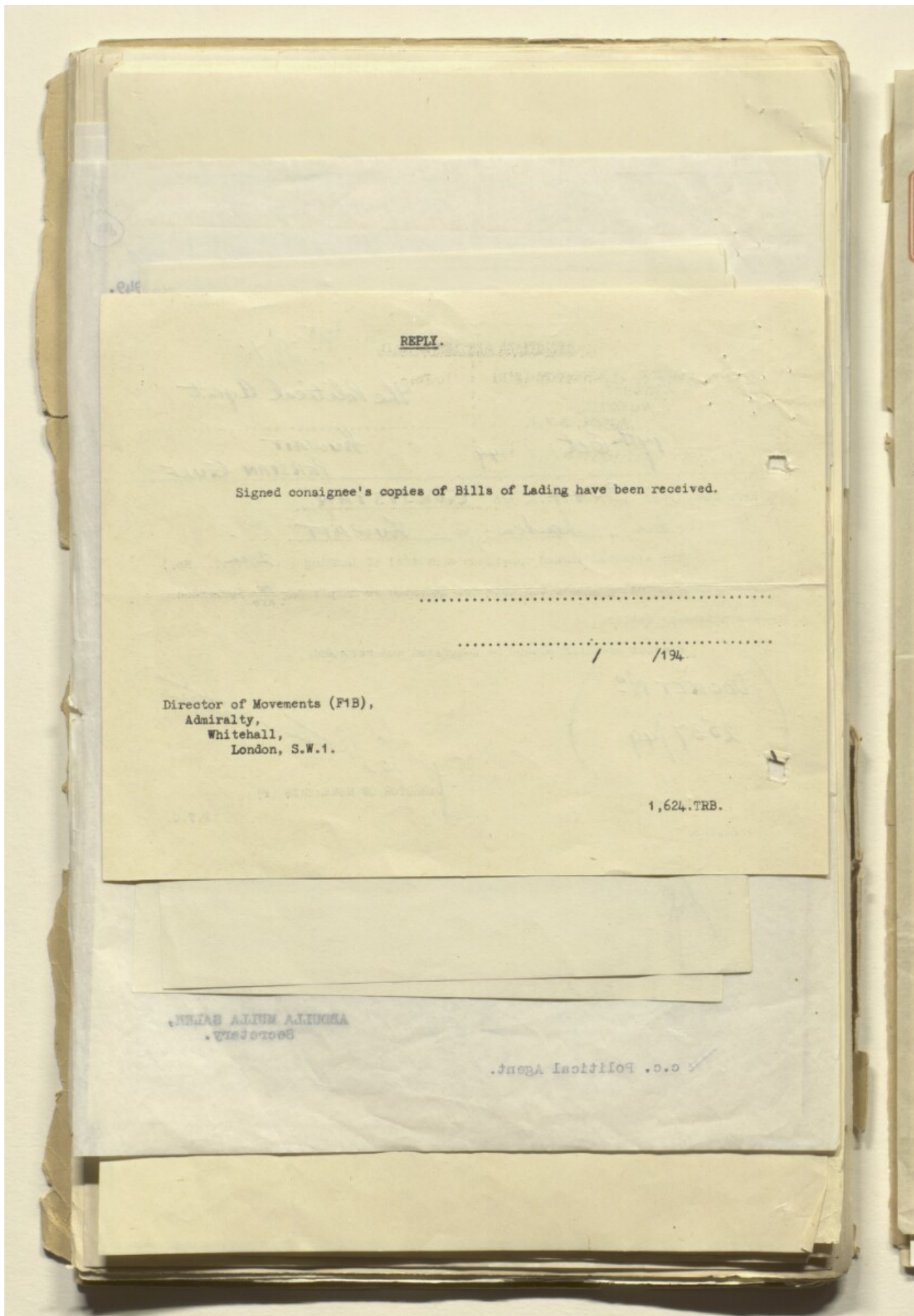
Receipt overleaf should be completed and returned.

DOCKET N^o
2537/49

CONFIDENTIAL
Receipt
No. 981 Date 17.10.49

E. Watling - Stewart
DIRECTOR OF MOVEMENTS (F)

P.T.O.



**'File 4/38 Supply of Saluting Gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait' [83r]
(165/188)**



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FREIGHT CHARGEABLE TO..... ADMIRALTY.....

BILL OF LADING FOR* NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES.
(VOTE 9.L)

SIX PENCE

SHIPPED in apparent good order and condition on board the (SHIP) SS. CORISTIAN the packages and loose articles hereinafter mentioned:

Tonnage* 3 tons. 12 feet to be delivered in the like good order and condition to:—

Consignee..... THE POLITICAL AGENT..... at the port of..... KUWAIT.....

In witness whereof the TSS Transport Officer/Master of the said ship hath affirmed to..... three..... Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date one of which Bills being accomplished the others to stand void.

Freight at the rate prescribed by the Ministry of War Transport shall be payable at..... LONDON.....

The terms of this Bill of Lading are continued on the reverse side hereof.

Dated at..... LONDON..... the..... 30th..... day of..... SEPTEMBER..... 194... 9

Mark, number or address on packages, etc.	Quantity and description of packages (case, cask, etc.), also of articles "not packed."	Description of Stowage or Contents of Packages.	Weight.				Tonnage.	
			Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Feet.
<u>R/MSC/186/49</u> <u>119</u>	<u>20 Cases</u>	<u>EXPLOSIVES</u> <u>GROUP 6 Q.A.S.</u> <u>Cartridges Q.F. Separate</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12 LT.</u>

LANDING CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED FROM CONSIGNEES.

NEW LADING CLAUSE.

BOTH TO BLAME COLLISION CLAUSE.

DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.

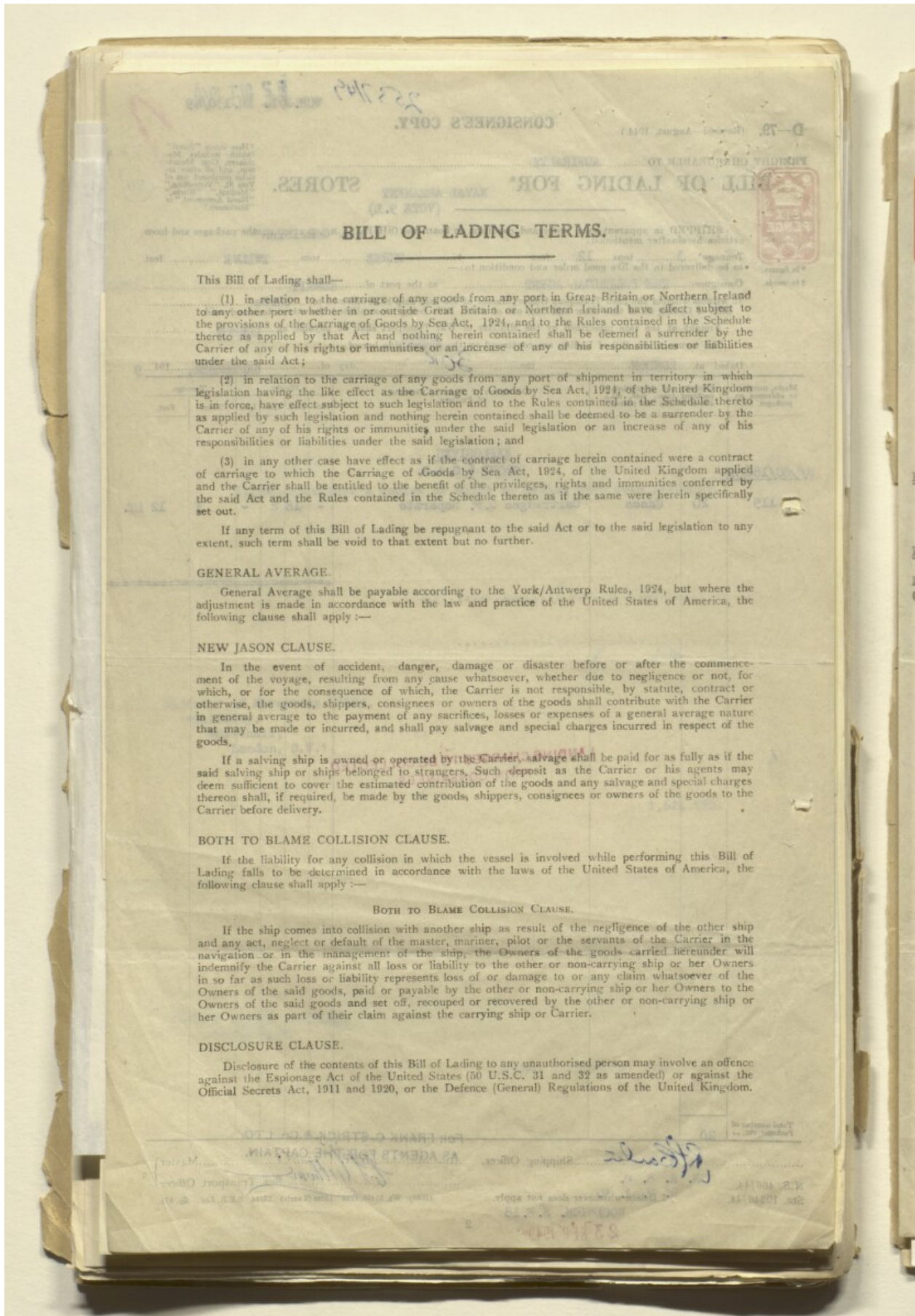
Total number of Packages, etc. 20

For **FRANK C. STRICK & Co. LTD.**
AS AGENTS FOR THE CAPTAIN.

Shipping Officer. R. A. S. O. Master. [Signature]
N.S. 466/44. Sta. 10246/44. Sea Transport Officer. [Signature]

Re: Discrepancy does not apply.

WOOLWICH. S.E. 18
23 SEP 1949





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CONSIGNEE'S COPY.

ADIRALTY

BILL OF LADING FOR* NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES.
(NOTE 2.1.)

SIX PENCE

SHIPPED in apparent good order and condition on board the (SHIP) GOLISTAN the packages and loose articles hereinafter mentioned:

Tonnage* 2 tons 2 feet TWO tons TWO feet

* In figures.
† In words.

Consignee THE POLITICAL AGENT at the port of KUWAIT to be delivered in the like good order and condition to:—

In witness whereof the ISea Transport Officer/Master of the said ship hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date one of which Bills being accomplished the others to stand void.

Freight at the rate prescribed by the Ministry of War Transport shall be payable at LONDON

The terms of this Bill of Lading are continued on the reverse side, hereof.

Dated at LONDON the 30th day of SEPTEMBER 1949.

Marks, numbers or addresses on packages, etc.	Quantity and description of packages (case, pack, etc.), also of articles "not packed."	Description of Stores or Contents of Packages			Weight			Tonnage	
		Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Feet.		
<u>R/MSG/187/49</u> <u>128</u>	<u>1</u> Case	<u>0. Q. F. Hotchkiss</u>	<u>3-pdr.</u>	<u>- 9 - -</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>LT.</u>		
<u>R/MSG/189/49</u> <u>DKG. 245</u> <u>G. 2024/49</u>	<u>1</u> Case	<u>Q. F. 3-pdr. Hotchkiss</u>	<u>Mounting</u>	<u>- 10 3 - -</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>LT.</u>		
				<u>- 19 3 - -</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>2</u>			

NON-EXPLOSIVES

LANDING CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED FROM CONSIGNEES

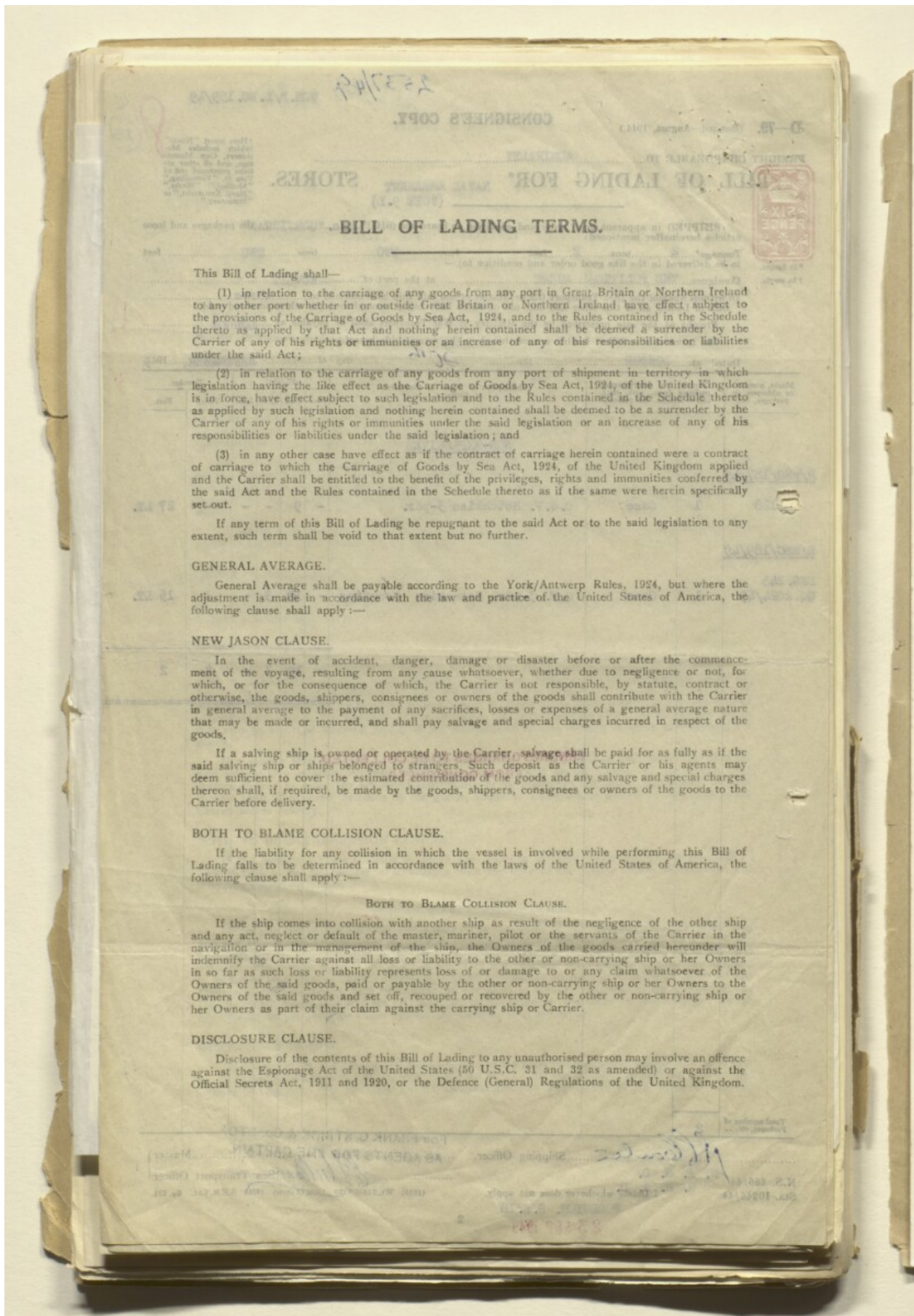
BOOTH TO BLAME COLLISION CLAUSE

DISCLOSURE CLAUSE

Total number of Packages, etc. 3

FOR FRANK C. STRICK & Co. LTD.
AS AGENTS FOR THE CAPTAIN. Master
N.S. 406/44. N. A. S. O. Shipping Officer. Sea Transport Officer.
Sta. 10246/44. R. N. 4. D. Deleted whichever does not apply. (1065) Wt. 21498/8122 1500 (1 sec) 12/44 S.E.R. Ltd. Cp. 671.

WOOLWICH S.E.18
23 SEP 1949





No. 13 (355/9/49)

His Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain
presents his compliments to Political Agent, Kuwait,
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British..... PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

10th November, 1949

Reference to previous correspondence:

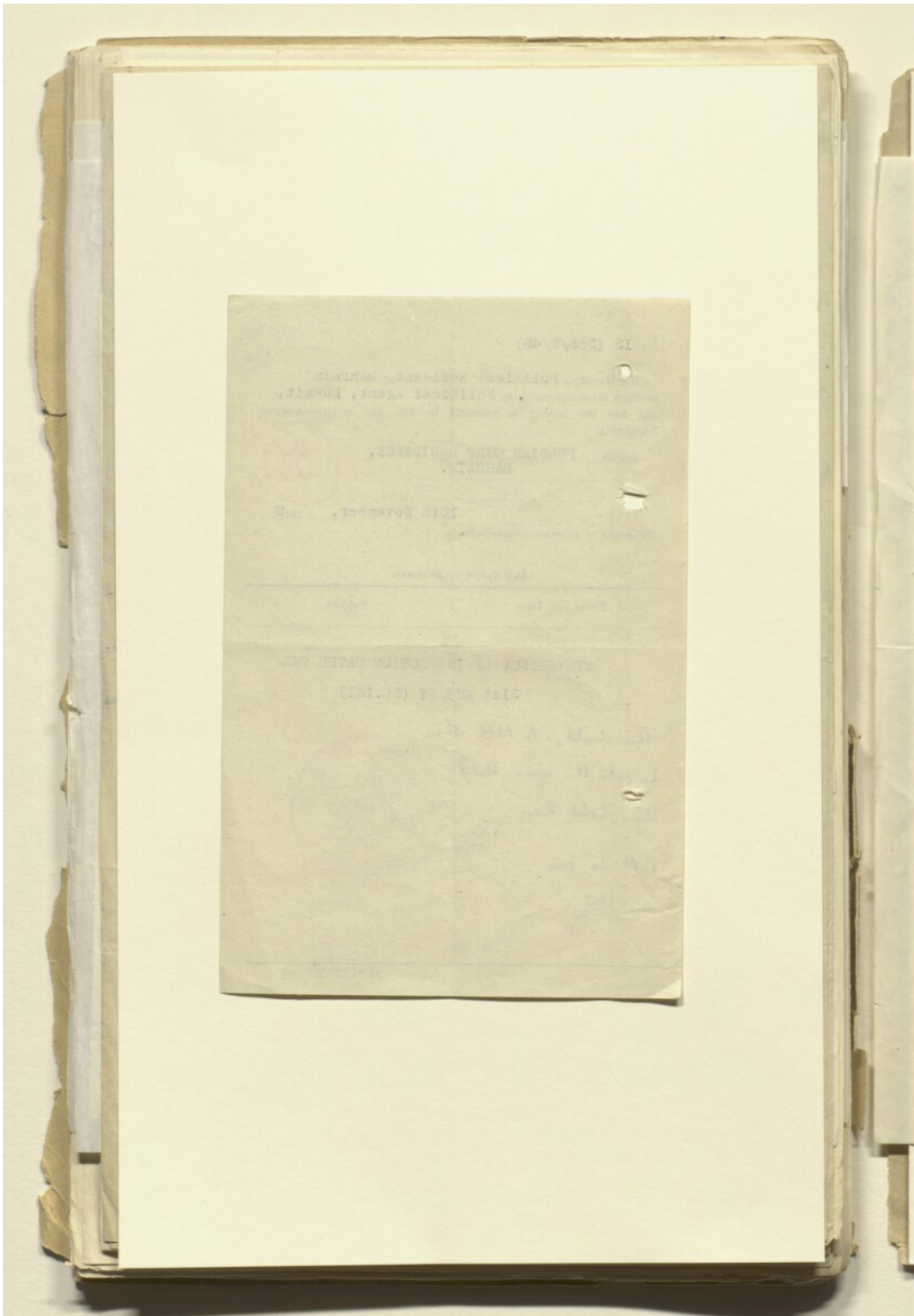
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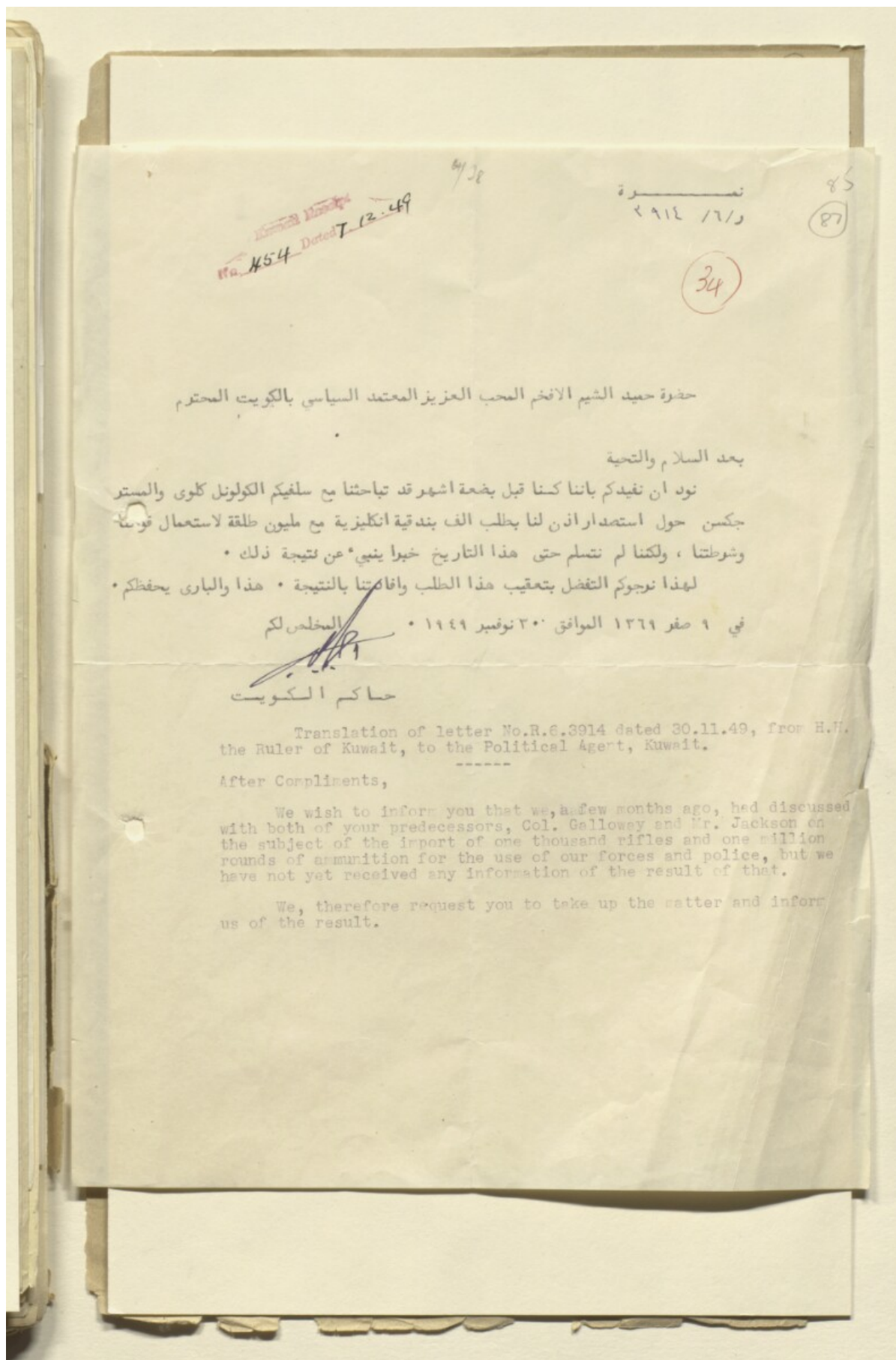
Name and Date.	Subject.
MEMORANDUM OF INSPECTION DATED THE 31st AUGUST (NO.161)	
<p><i>This should go to H.H. Sha he gets the guns. Until then, hold back.</i></p> <p><i>PA to see</i></p> <p><i>16/5 27 12</i></p> <p><i>27/11</i></p>	

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No. 1082 Dated 27.11.49

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حضرة حميد الشيم الاخفم المحب العزيز المعتمد السياسي بالكويت المحترم

بعد السلام والتحية

نود ان نفيدكم باننا كنا قبل بضعة اشهر قد تباحثنا مع سلفيكم الكولونل كلوى والمستر
جكسن حول استصدار اذن لنا بطلب الف بندقية انكليزية مع مليون طلقة لاستعمال قوتنا
وشروطتنا ، ولكننا لم نتسلم حتى هذا التاريخ خيرا ينبغي عن نتيجة ذلك .
لهذا نرجوكم التفضل بتعقيب هذا الطلب واغاثتنا بالنتيجة . هذا والبارى يحفظكم .

في ٩ صفر ١٣٦٩ الموافق ٣٠ نوفمبر ١٩٤٩ . المخلص لكم

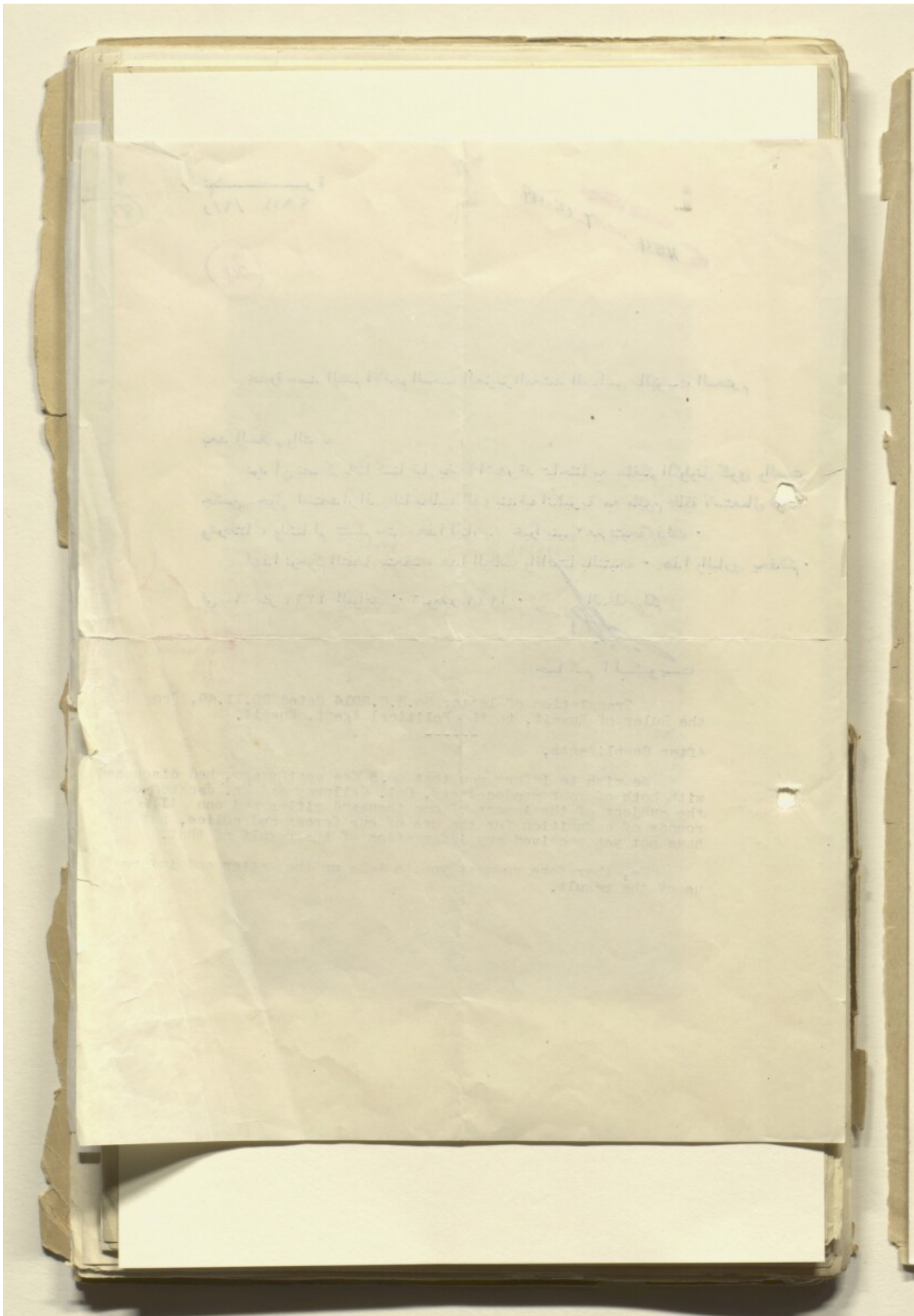
حاكم الكويت

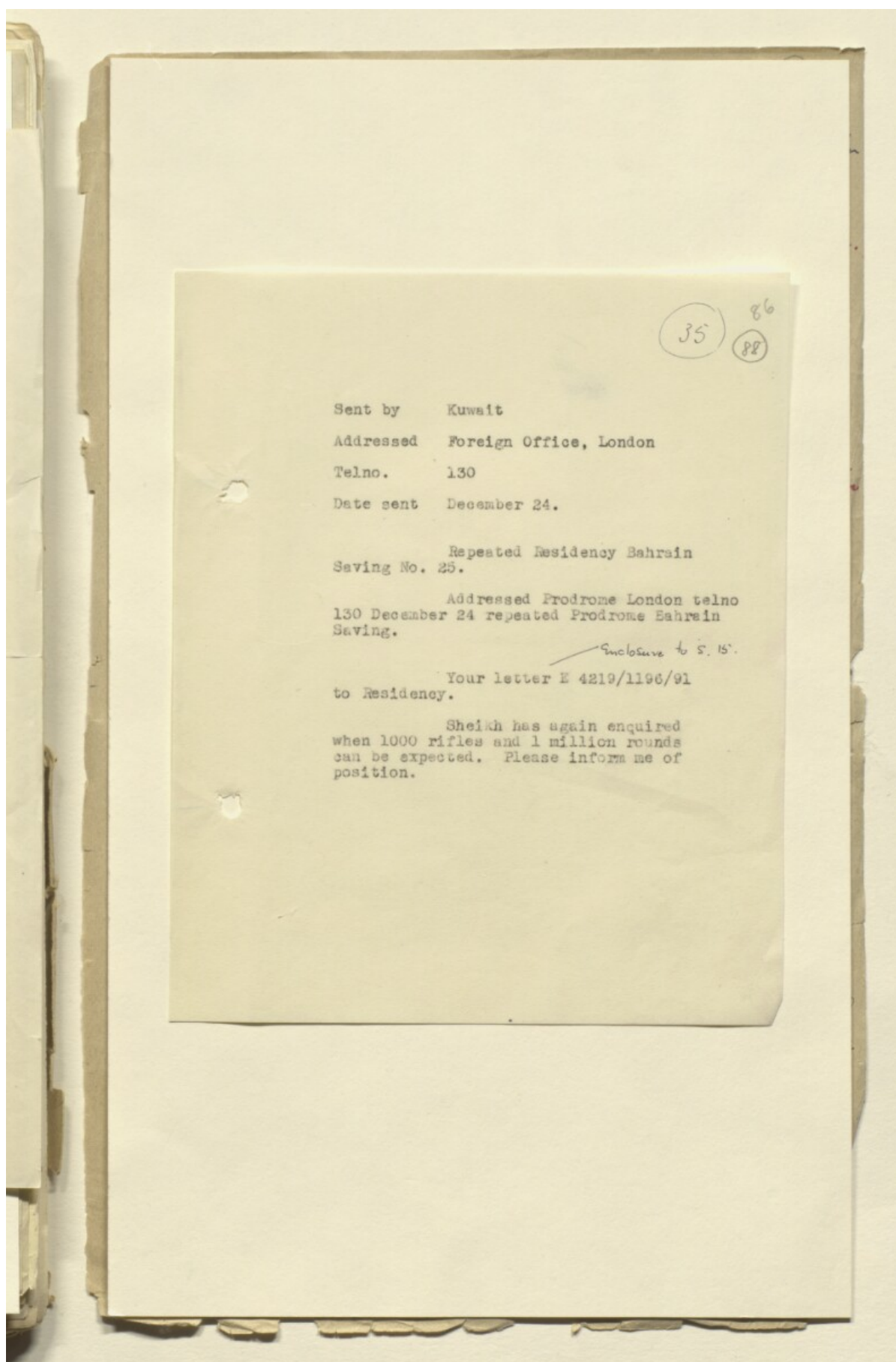
Translation of letter No.R.6.3914 dated 30.11.49, from H.H.
the Ruler of Kuwait, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

After Compliments,

We wish to inform you that we, a few months ago, had discussed
with both of your predecessors, Col. Galloway and Mr. Jackson on
the subject of the import of one thousand rifles and one million
rounds of ammunition for the use of our forces and police, but we
have not yet received any information of the result of that.

We, therefore request you to take up the matter and inform
us of the result.





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Addressed Foreign Office, London
Telno. 130
Date sent December 24.

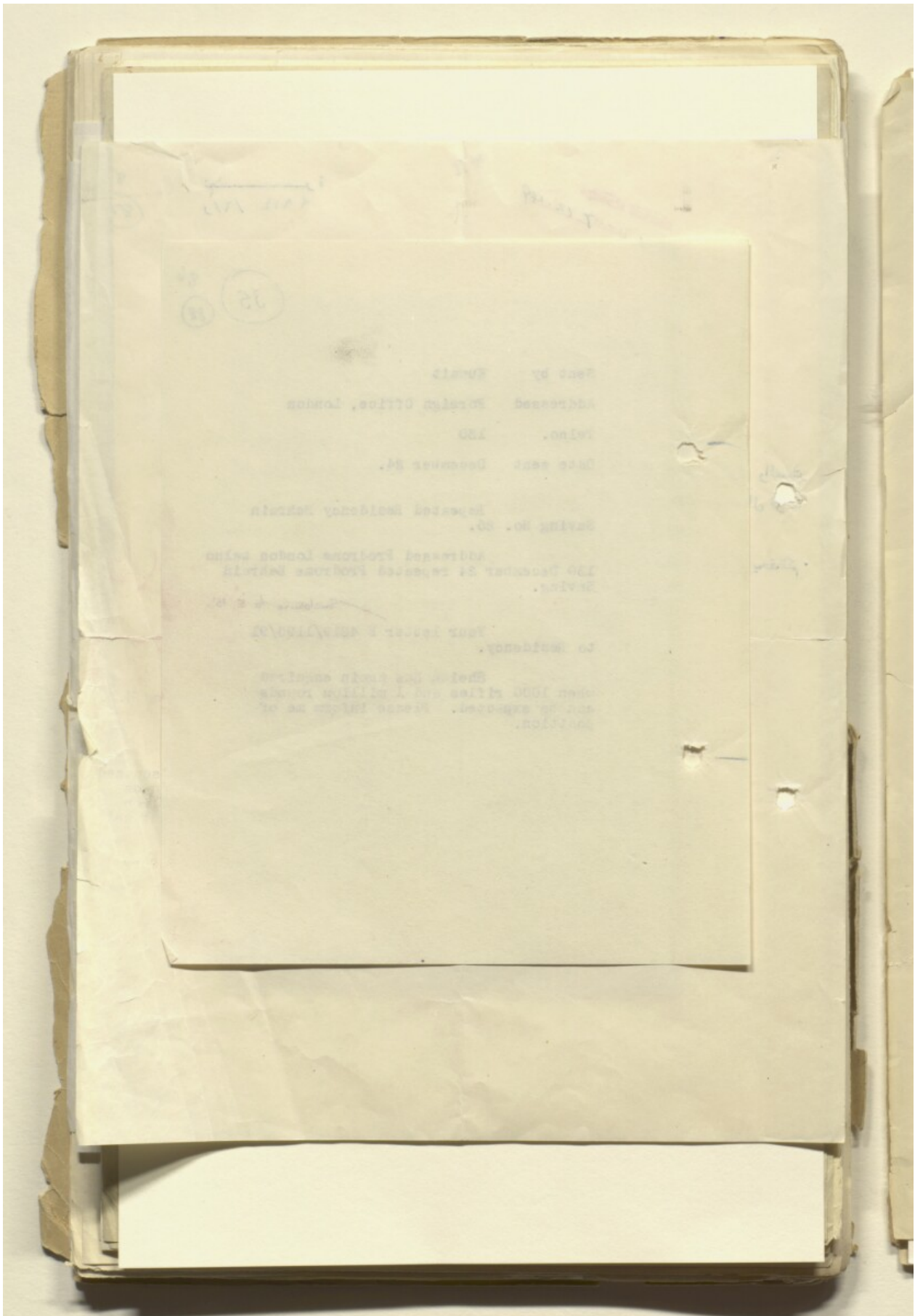
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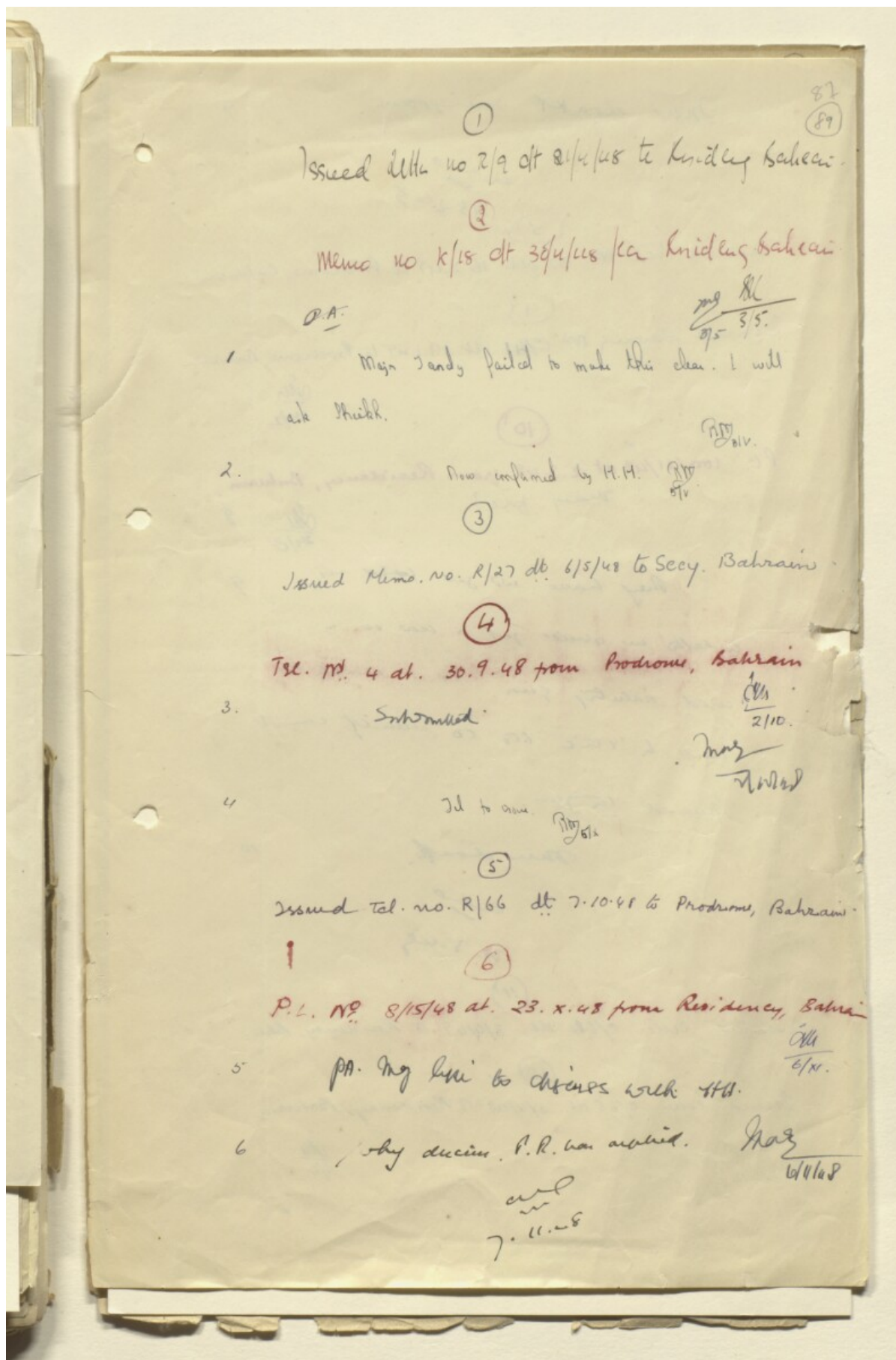
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130 December 24 repeated Prodrome Bahrain
Saving.

Enclosure to S. 15.

Your letter E 4219/1196/91
to Residency.

Sheikh has again enquired
when 1000 rifles and 1 million rounds
can be expected. Please inform me of
position.







Mr. doakt telegram.

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13.2.49

(8)

Issued letter M. 32 dt 16.2.49 to Proconsul, Bahrain

(9)

Issued saving M. C/41 dt 19.2.49 to Proconsul, Bahrain

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(10)

P.L. 100/21/49 at 2.3.49 from Residency, Bahrain.
May file?

24/3

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They have not yet told us

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inhabits in street yet a man or -
used saluting gun. It is nearly too
bad. to take 100 to 200 men if cannot
prevent the gun.

Mr. doakt.

10.

14.3.49

(11)

Issued letter C/64 dt. 3/4/49 to Residency, Bahrain.

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Issued letter C/65 dt. 3/4/49 to Residency, Bahrain

3/4.



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(13)

P.L. 100/19/49 dt. 28.2.48 from Residency, Bahrain.

Mj.
26/4

11. Understand P.R. has reminded that
I am late Sharikh so when I next
see him.

Mj.
27/4.

(14)

Letter 100/52/49 dt. 3/5/47 from Residency, Bahrain.

12. If P.A. has informed Sheikh, no further
action seems called for. May file?

Mj.
23/5.

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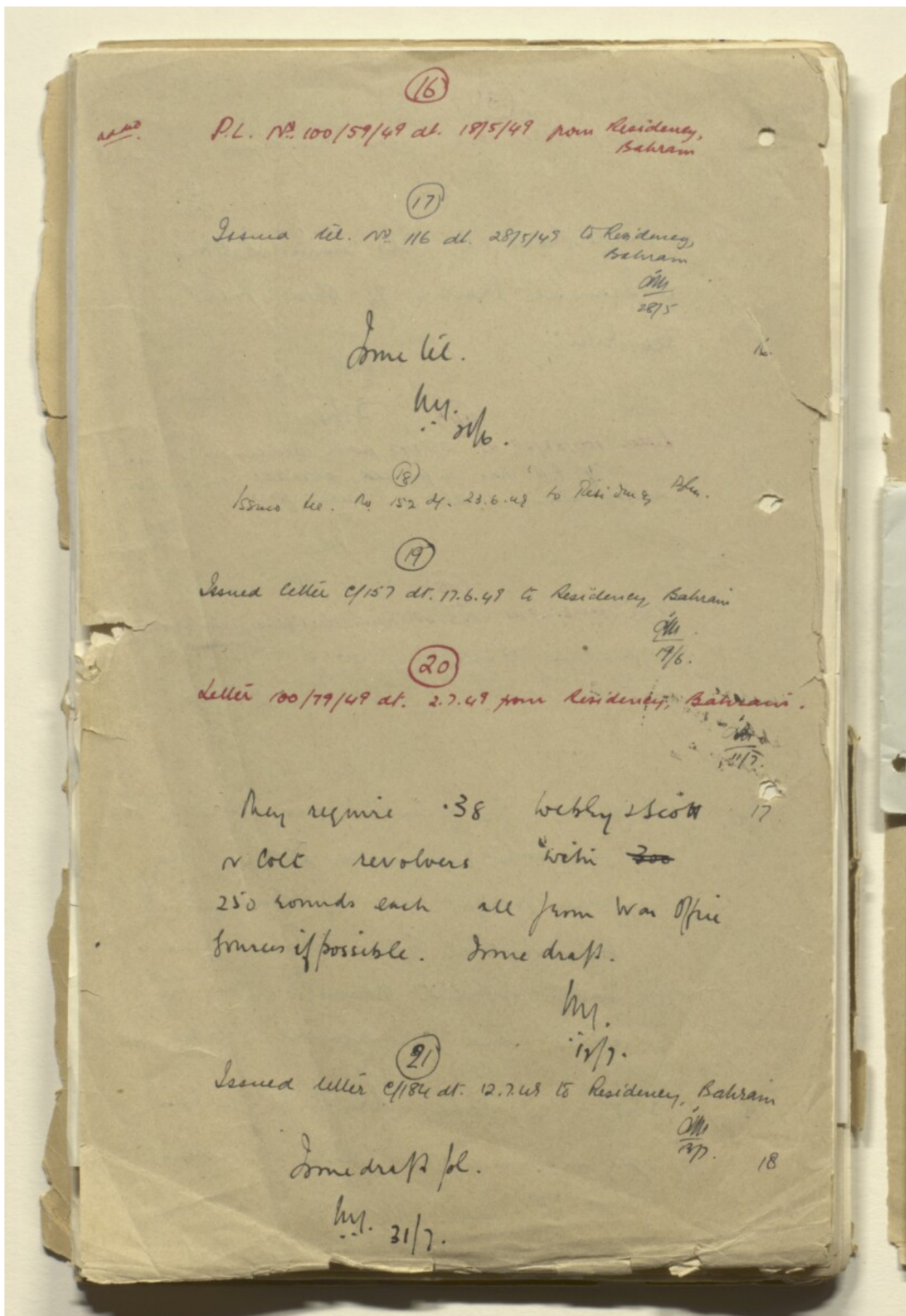
Letter 100/56/49 dt. 11.5.47 from Residency, Bahrain.

13. Presume P.A. would prefer to discuss
matter with Sheikh.

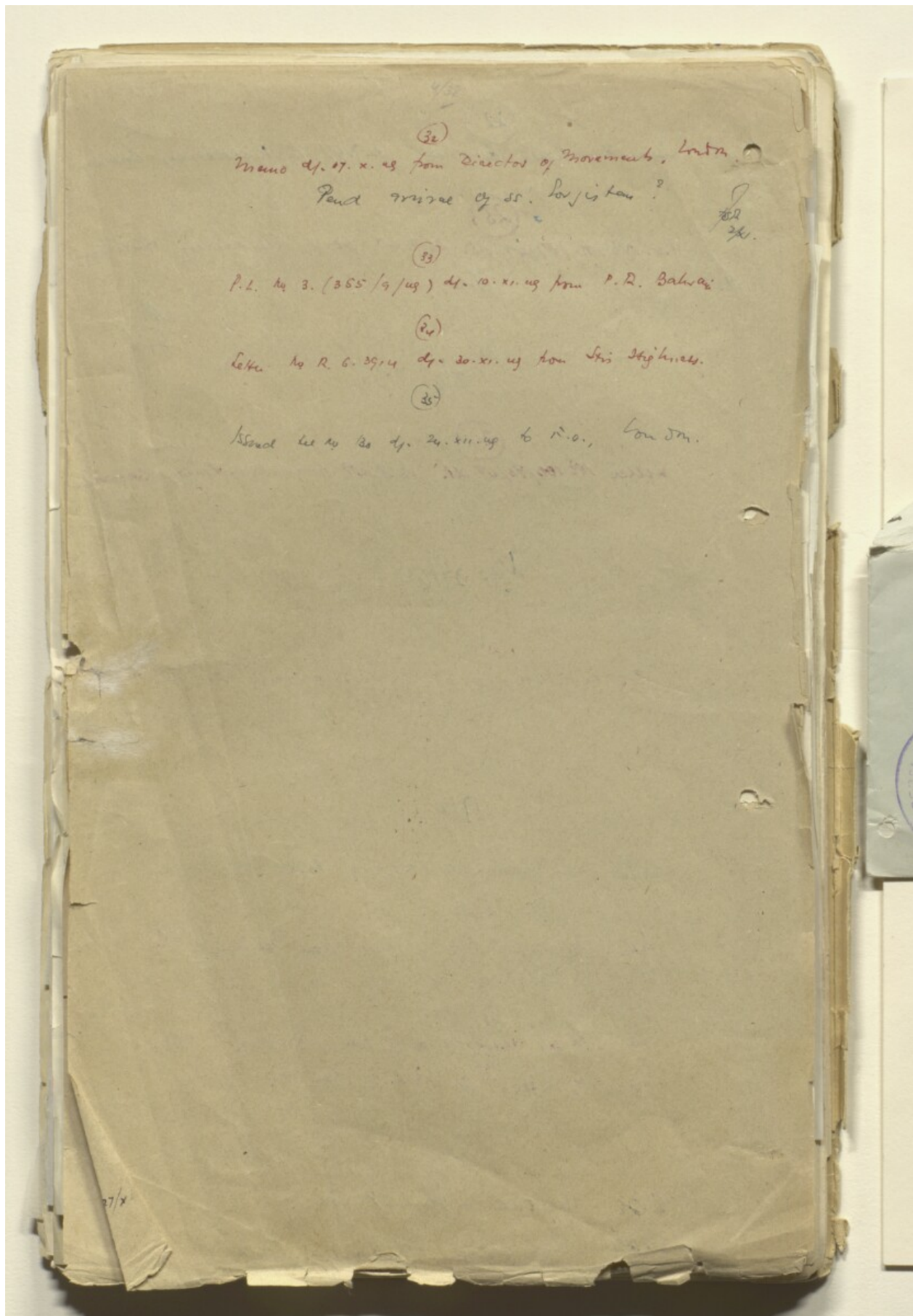
Mj.
23/5

14. S.H. 50 rounds were handed
over to the Shaikh on 26/5/49. They
were brought here by Jennings. It
was explained to the Shaikh that
he was expected to return the empty
cases and he promised to do so.

15. S.15. Some draft pt. - I him
let me have file back for action
within H.H. Mj. 28/5



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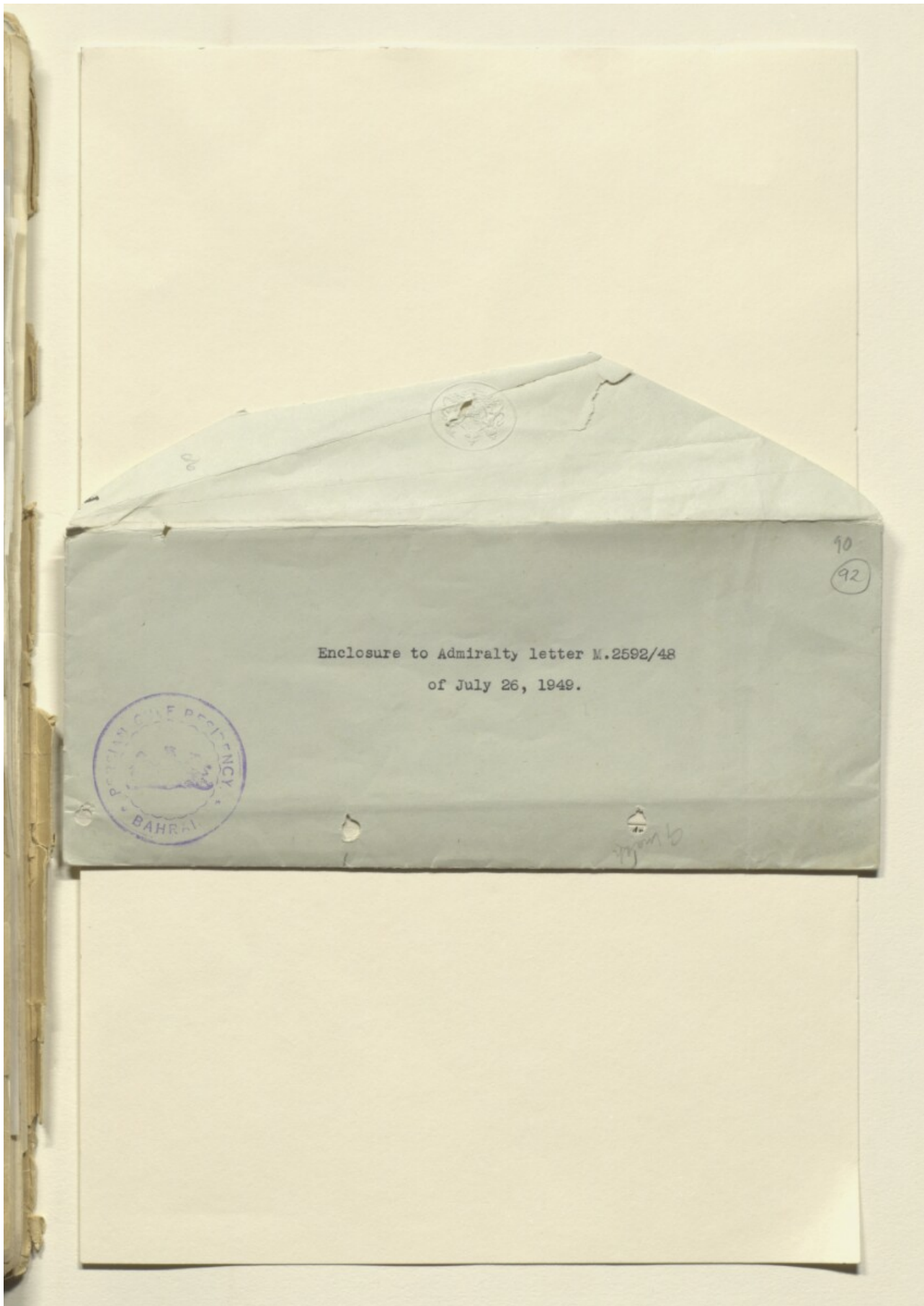


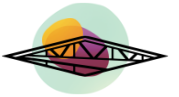
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Memo dt. 17. x. 28 from Director of Movements, Ltrn.
Pent arrival of ss. Logistics ?

(33)
P.L. No 3. (365/9/ug) dt. 10. xi. 28 from P.R. Bahar.

(34)
Ltrn. No R. G. 3914 dt. 20. xi. 28 from Sir Highness.

(35)
Send let to B. dt. 24. xi. 28 to R.O., Ltrn. Jm.







Form A.S. 29. **ISSUE ORDER.** No. of Sheet 93/91

No. B. 4447/49. Authority M. 2592/48 & A30 369/48 Local No. _____

Voucher to The Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain.

Consign to Political Agent Kuwait.

Any Special Conditions ON REPAYMENT.
(e.g. Repayment, Mutual Aid, Re-assignment, Loan, Free in Aid, etc.)

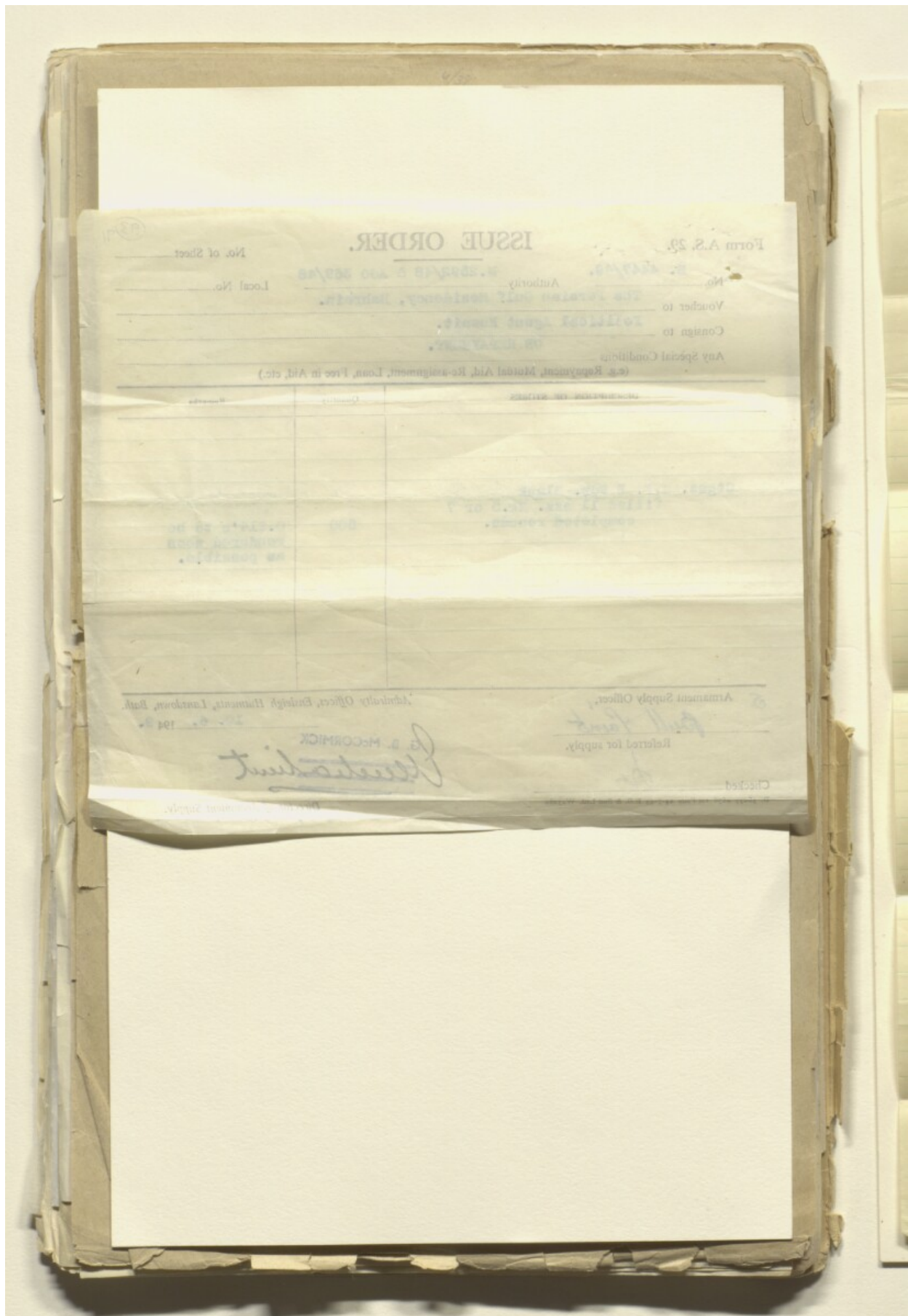
DESCRIPTION OF STORES	Quantity	Remarks
<u>Stges. 4. 7. 3 Pdr. Blank</u> <u>filled 11 oss. Mk. 5 or 7</u> <u>completed rounds.</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0.214's to be</u> <u>rendered soon</u> <u>as possible.</u>

Armament Supply Officer, Bull Point
Referred for supply. dr

Admiralty Offices, Ensleigh Hutments, Lansdown, Bath.
10. 6. 1949.

G. B. McCORMICK
Director of Armament Supply.

Checked _____
B. 35037 0638 131 Pade 24-7-45 E.B. & Son Ltd. Walsale





Form A.S. 29. **ISSUE ORDER.** No. of Sheet 94 92
1st & final

No. A.2/113/49 Authority A.3.0.369/42/A.75. Local No. Bahrain.
Voucher to The Persian Gulf Residency.
Consign to Political Agent Kuwait.
Any Special Conditions Repayment.
(e.g. Repayment, Mutual Aid, Re-assignment, Loan, Free in Aid, etc.)

DESCRIPTION OF STORES	Quantity	Remarks
<u>O.Q.F. 3 Pcs. Hotchkiss.</u> <u>Reg. No 2193.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Suitable for</u> <u>Saluting purposes</u> <u>only.</u>
<u>Form O.214 to be submitted</u> <u>in 7 days.</u>		

Armament Supply Officer, Plymouth. Admiralty Offices, 7. 6.
Ensign Hutments, Lansdown, Bath. 194 9

Referred for supply. G. B. McCORMICK
Director of Armament Supply.

Checked A. 36037 0038 300 Pads 24-7-45 E.D. & Son Ltd. Walsley

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PART IV										Bundle Date of Issue		PART V				PART VI		Bundle Date of Receipt				
(All items "NOT available" to be so indicated on appropriate line in Part V)										Reg. No. of Issue		(To be completed by Consignor) NOTE: No valuation required on Copy No. 2 or 4.				(To be completed by Consignee)		Reg. No. of Receipt				
G.O. Supply Letter	Drawing and Part Nos.	DESCRIPTION	Quantity Demanded		Quantity Issued		Rated		Valued		Remaining Stock		Quantity Received		Rated		Valued		Total Stock now available			
			Denom.	No.	Denom.	No.	Rate	Per	£	s.	d.	Serv.	Rep.	Denom.	No.	Rate	Per	£	s.	d.	Serv.	Rep.
MA		3 pdr Maw I mounting complete with pedestal		No 1																		
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>(1) Required to be issued on request to the Shaikh of Kuwait for saluting purposes.</p> <p>(2) The mounting should be preserved and placed for shipment abroad and the freight det. lls reported to the Director of Armament Supply, (Branch A), Room 75, Block B, Manshiq, Offices, Admiralty Bldg.</p> <p>(3) Copy of D. 693 to D.A.S.</p>																						

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ISSUING SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

RECEIVING SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____